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## India doesn't want war with Pakistan

Soviets back Delhi over Kashmir: foreign newsmen expelled

NEW DELHI, Jan 28, (Agencies): India is strongly against going to war with Pakistan over a Muslim revolt in Kashmir, Indian External Affairs Minister Inder Gujral said today.

The two countries have angrily blamed each other for the revolt in which 60 people have died since Jan 21.

"We in India are strongly against any military conflict. It is not only part of our policy but our commitment," Gujral told India the rest.

India accuses Pakistan of aiding Kashmiri militants with arms, training and funds. Pakistan denies the charges and says the Muslim uprising is purely indigenous and due to the denial of self determination to its people.

Pakistan backs a United Nations call for a referendum in the Indian territory, the Hindu-dominated country's only state with a Muslim majority.

Gujral, who is playing a key role in Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh's efforts to resolve the issue, renewed Indian charges in the interview.

"At the moment, people have expressed their disquiet, some of them violently. But the major point is intervention from outside," he said.

"For reasons of state security you are to leave Jammu and Kashmir immediately... under the Public Safety Act," said a written notice from district magistrate G.H. Abbas handed to non-Indian reporters for foreign media at Srinagar's main hotel.

The order was issued late yesterday as India launched a diplomatic offensive to persuade the superpowers and Muslim states that Pakistan is fuelling Islamic militancy in Jammu and Kashmir state.

Seven foreign correspondents flew out of Srinagar today.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency said that this stance was clarified during a meeting last night between an Indian emissary, the Foreign Ministry's Secretary General Sahendra Kumar Singh and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Moscow.

During the meeting, Tass added, "it was emphasised that Pakistan's policy of supporting the secessionists, its actions to destabilise the situation in the state, and Islamabad's official statements do not promote the normalisation of relations between the two countries."

"It was emphasised that Pakistan's actions fully contradict the spirit and letter of the Simla agreement under which differences between the sides should be settled by peaceful means" the Soviet agency pointed.

"The Soviet Union side stated that it condemns foreign interference in the affairs of India," Tass said.

Authorities lifted a curfew on Srinagar for several hours today and crowds of people rushed to stock up on food before it was reimposed at 0530 GMT.

Indian troops have killed more than 150 people in the last 15 days in the Kashmir valley "and the dead bodies have not been handed over to the families," said Mirwaiz Moulvi Farooq, chief Muslim cleric in India's only Islamic-majority state.

At least 60 people were shot dead in the valley in clashes last week between Indian security forces and militants demanding independence or accession to Pakistan, official sources said.

"Handing over the city to the army, hostages the people by curfew restrictions, massacre of innocent people by security forces, night raids, large-scale arrests, curbing freedom of the press and other aggressive and extreme steps by authorities will not suppress... the freedom struggle," Mirwaiz Moulvi Farooq said.

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Visnews television in an interview. Asked if the situation in Kashmir on India's border with Pakistan could lead to a military conflict, Gujral said: "I hope not."

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union announced today direct support for India in its conflict with Pakistan over Jammu and Kashmir problem. Kashmir has been the cause of two of the three wars India and Pakistan have fought since they gained independence from Britain in 1947. Pakistan controls a third of the strategic Himalayan valley and



Girl shows the way

Palestinian schoolgirls push and shout as one of 200 schoolgirls. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Benazir switches jobs of 4 ministers

ISLAMABAD, Jan 28, (Reuters): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, recovering in hospital from the birth of her second child, switched the jobs of four government ministers today.

But there was no sign of a major cabinet reshuffle which had been expected.

The main change was moving Baz Mohammad Khetran from the Kashmir portfolio, increasingly important in view of worsening relations between Pakistan and India over a Muslim uprising in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

Benazir replaced Khetran, under fire from the government of Pakistan's semi-autonomous Azad Kashmir, with Mohammad Hanif Khan, who had held the job in the early months of her 14-month-old government.

Pakistani relations with India are handled by Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. But political analysts said Khetran's removal may have been the price Azad Kashmir demanded for co-operating with the federal government over Kashmir.

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Babri mosque 'to be shifted'

## Hindus bent on building temple

NEW DELHI, Jan 28, (Kuna): The World Hindu Council (Vishwa Hindu Parishad) has decided to start construction of Lord Ram Temple at a disputed area at Ayodhya in northern state of Uttar Pradesh on Feb 14.

With the Indian state assembly elections slated for Feb 27, the decision of the council to start work 13 days before the polling date confronts almost all political parties with a difficult choice.

Even rightist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the main supporter of the National Front government, has urged the World Hindu Council to postpone construction of the temple in place of an old mosque till after the elections.

Ashok Singhal, general secretary of the council, said: "We will not demolish Babri Masjid, built by Emperor Baber in 1528, but we will definitely lift and shift it to another location. We have the technology to do it."

Singhal said the mosque can be allowed to stand in its present premises and there can be no compromise on it. We just want

our Muslim friends to convey it to us where they want the mosque to be shifted."

Even as preparation are afoot for starting work on the temple, efforts are being made by several Muslims and Hindu leaders to settle the dispute on the controversial place of worship peacefully.

The construction of the temple began on Nov 9, which resulted in large scale violence in parts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. It was stopped few days later.

Efforts to settle the dispute amicably were initiated by Acharya Sushil Muni, who recently visited the disputed place and later told newsmen that he was hopeful of finding an acceptable solution.

The Acharya also held talks with the leaders of the World Hindu Council, which is in session at historic Allahabad city in Uttar Pradesh.

The council meeting was attended by some top Hindu religious leaders including Shankaracharya of Yotimatch, the only one of the five Shankaracharya's of India to attend the meeting.



An Azerbaijani woman wails on her son's grave at Baku cemetery. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Gorby facing no real threat

Shevardnadze hopeful

MOSCOW, Jan 28, (AP): Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze says that concern in the West about Mikhail Gorbachev's political survival stems more from a desire that his reforms succeed than from any real threat to the Soviet leader.

"I believe that this particular preoccupation stems from sincere feelings, from sincere support for the process of perestroika that is under way in the Soviet Union," Shevardnadze told the Associated Press in a rare one-on-one interview. "He was the one who spearheaded this arduous but holy struggle."

The soft-spoken, white-haired Soviet official, a Georgian, acknowledged "there is some segment of the population that is definitely disappointed" by Gorbachev's reform efforts.

But he claimed, "Gorbachev and the political leadership of this country on the whole do enjoy the support of the bulk of the Soviet people, in spite of the fact that we are experiencing great difficulties: we have empty shelves in stores; we have a host of other social, economic and inter-ethnic difficulties."

Shevardnadze, a member of the ruling Politburo and close ally of Gorbachev, said Gorbachev's opponents "do not really constitute a significant force."

Discussing Soviet economic problems in a set of separate written responses, Shevardnadze said, "for all the difficulties of economic conditions in our country, the situation is not such that we need 'the last straw,' a Russian expression akin to grasping at straws."

"We have vast reserves," he said in the responses, provided to the AP in English. "And the purpose of perestroika is to mobilise those reserves."

Communist Party sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, say the party is becoming more polarised, with hardliners expected to mount a challenge to

Gorbachev's leadership when the national body's Central Committee meets in Moscow on Feb 5.

In his written comments, Shevardnadze said secession of some of the Soviet Union's independence-minded republics would not only cause military, political and economic problems for them but could "result in a major destabilisation of the existing international structure."

"It is in no one's interest to see this happen," the foreign minister said in his response written.

"The problems of inter-ethnic relations are so delicate and sensitive that one should avoid any outside interference in the process of their development. Otherwise, one can provoke unpredictable repercussions," he wrote.

The interview in Russian in the foreign minister's office ranged from discussion of arms control issues and Shevardnadze's meeting next month with US Secretary of State James Baker, to his views on the unrest in the Caucasus and the independence movements in the Baltic republics.

Shevardnadze defended the decision to send troops into Azerbaijan and Armenia as one "to use force for the purpose of saving people," saying the outbreak of ethnic violence there "was nothing short of civil war."

But the decision, he said, "does not correspond to either our internal convictions or to our sentiments in general, because in principle we are opposed to use of any force anywhere."

"As the situation in that region stabilises, we will gradually withdraw our forces from there," he pledged.

Since the intervention in Baku Jan 20, Soviet troops have begun arresting nationalist leaders whom authorities say intended to take over the republic. The

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## Azeri foes vacate border

MOSCOW, Jan 28, (AP): Armenian and Azerbaijani fighters began withdrawing today from a tense border in the strife-ridden southern Caucasus region, an Armenian activist from Yerevan said.

Radio Moscow said today that life in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, was returning to normal after two weeks of fighting in the decades-old religious and territorial feud between the republics.

A day before, Soviet soldiers made scores of arrests trying to neutralise an Azerbaijan nationalist movement that authorities said was bent on taking over the republic.

Armenian activist Rafael Popoyan said in a telephone interview from the Armenian capital of Yerevan that the fighters' withdrawal had started calmly, according to initial reports he received from the mountainous border region between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Negotiations meeting on the border of Armenia and Nakhichevan, an Azerbaijan enclave within Armenia, agreed to pull back all armed men by 7 am (0400 GMT) today. Their action will leave security to Soviet troops, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday.

There was no way to independently confirm the withdrawal. Foreign journalists have been banned from the area since Jan 13, when anti-Armenian rioting began in Baku.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev ordered Soviet troops to storm Baku on Jan 20 to put down what he and other leaders called an attempt to seize power. Officials have put the death toll at 197 in the two weeks of unrest.

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## Fresh protests hit Kosovo after police kill 10 Albanians

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Jan 28, (Reuters): Thousands of ethnic Albanians demonstrated today in fresh protests in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province where police shot dead at least 10 people yesterday.

Eyewitnesses said that between 3,000 and 4,000 demonstrators clashed with police in Suva Reka, about 270 km (165 miles) south of Belgrade. About 1,000 people had taken to the streets in the locality of Dragaz.

"Official organs in Kosovo assess that the situation in the province is taking on dramatic trends and could lead to wide-scale unrest," the national news agency Tanjug said today.

Earlier, eyewitnesses said police shot dead at least 10 ethnic Albanians in Kosovo in riots yesterday, four of them in Orshovac, 300 km (190 miles) south of Belgrade.

Villagers said at least two other men were killed nearby and witnesses said three were shot dead in Djakovica and one in Pec, about 70 km (40 miles) north of the regional capital of Pristina.

Tanjung news agency put the death toll at five yesterday, saying police returned fire after demonstrators shot at them through thick fog in Orshovac and Pec.

But ethnic Albanians in villages around Orshovac said that security forces opened fire without

warning at protesters chanting: "democracy, democracy."

The gun battles were the worst violence to hit the strife-torn province since 28 people died last year when the Albanians rioted against curbs on their self-rule by Serbia, Yugoslavia's biggest republic.

The body of Nalshim Elshani, 28, who had been shot three times lay covered by a white sheet as his wife, nursing their three-month-old baby, stood weeping alongside.

Villagers said police also killed Haxar Hoti, 24, Hilmi Krasnici, a father of five, and 23-year-old Agron Teta, who was due to return to his work in Switzerland today after a holiday visit to his family.

### Ferry disaster

DHAKA, Jan 28, (Reuters): Around 150 people were feared drowned today when an overcrowded ferry sank in a southern Bangladesh river after colliding with another vessel, officials said.

They said the ferry carrying about 200 passengers, three times its normal capacity, capsized in the Lohalia river near Patuakhali town.

The collision occurred apparently due to poor visibility caused by thick fog. About 50 passengers swam ashore but the others were missing, feared drowned.

### Clinic murders

MARSEILLE, France, Jan 28, (Reuters): A battle for control of Marseille's lucrative health clinics has claimed the lives of two doctors and embroiled a millionaire and a politician in a new chapter in the city's seamy history of underworld violence.

Magistrates have charged Jean Chouraqui, a 37-year-old millionaire owner of three big clinics, with complicity in the 1988 murder of Leonore Mont, who also ran a health clinic in the Mediterranean port city.

### The Satanic Verses

LONDON, Jan 28, (Reuters): A paperback version of Salman Rushdie's book 'The Satanic Verses' has not been ruled out by his publisher Viking Penguin.

The company denied a London Observer report that it would not publish the paperback as long as there was a risk of death or injury to its staff, bookshop assistants or the public. (See Page 2)

### Fire kills 28

TAIPEI, Jan 28, (UPI): A fire raged through a five-storey commercial building in the northern city of Taoyuan, killing at least 28 people before it could be extinguished today, authorities said.

The fire in the five-storey Hua Kuo building in Taoyuan began around 8 pm Saturday, the Chinese new year, and was not fully extinguished until 10:12 am Sunday, police said.

At least 28 people were killed and workers were combing through rubble looking for more victims, police said.

### Air crash probe

COVE NECK, N.Y., Jan 28, (Reuters): A Colombian plane crashed outside New York City after being put on hold for 90 minutes and crewmembers told controllers they were running out of fuel almost an hour before the plane went down, killing 73 people, US government investigators said yesterday. (See Page 3)

### Fighting in Philippines

COTABATO, Philippines, Jan 28, (Reuters): About 7,000 Filipinos have fled their homes to escape fighting between government troops and Muslim rebels, according to a report from Cotabato, a Muslim-majority province.

The military said eight people were killed, 25 others wounded and more than 100 houses burned in fighting which erupted on Saturday around the southern Philippine town of Pikit, about 900 kms (550 miles) south of Manila.

Evacuees interviewed by reporters said the separatist rebels, estimated by the military at between 500 and 1,000, seized about 150 hostages in co-ordinated raids in 11 predominantly Christian villages around Pikit.

Government troops backed by helicopter gunships and armoured personnel carriers dislodged the guerrillas in six villages but five others remained in rebel control, the evacuees said.

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# Penguin to publish paperback 'Satan'

## Rushdie wants but no firm date set for publication

LONDON, Jan 28, (Agencies): Viking Penguin, publishers of Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses," denied today they had vetoed a paperback edition of the novel because of death threats to the author.

A Viking Penguin spokesman denied a report in the Observer newspaper which said the company would not publish the new edition as long as there was any risk of death or injury to its staff or the public.

"No such conditions have been conveyed to Rushdie nor do they exist as part of the company's position," the spokesman said.

"So far as paperback publication is concerned, no firm date has been established but even if it had it would not be the

company's policy to reveal such information for obvious security reasons," he added.

The Indian-born Rushdie, who is reported to want the paperback published, has been in hiding since last February, when the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to execute him for blaspheming Islam in his novel.

Rushdie's wife, American novelist Marianne Wiggins, was quoted today as saying Rushdie could have financial problems if the paperback isn't published.

She was also quoted as saying that although she lives apart from her husband, they do not plan to divorce. The couple went into hiding together, but issued a brief statement in August saying they were

living apart.

"This is not simply a normal marital separation," she was quoted as telling the Sunday Express newspaper. "There's no suggestion of divorce or marital problems."

"We are not estranged from one another. We are just living separately," she was quoted as saying.

The newspaper said Ms Wiggins lives in London under a false name but does not have a bodyguard and does not wear disguises.

"Even Salman doesn't know by phone number or where I live, and the people in my neighbourhood don't know who I am," she was quoted as saying.

"It's impossible for us to meet. I don't

know where he is and we only keep in touch by letter ... we have a fantastic correspondence going on."

The newspaper quoted Ms Wiggins as saying if the paperback is not published, "he might have to call financially on me. It's been discussed. Yes, he's made a lot of money out of the book but it's also assumed that he hasn't got expenses."

Asked whether that meant he was now paying for his own security, previously thought to have been provided by the government, she was quoted as saying: "I can't talk about it."

The hardcover edition of "The Satanic Verses" has become an international best-seller, with sales of more than one million copies.



A great loss

John Simmons, curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, west London, stands beside a fallen black pine. The tree, which was over 100 years old, is one approximately 100 blown down at the Kew Gardens during the storms in London this week (Reuter wirephoto)

# Singh's Kashmir headache

## Indian premier holds talks with ex-chief minister to defuse crises

By Thomas Abraham  
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Jan 28: Suddenly, the problems in the sensitive border state of Jammu and Kashmir

have shot to the top of the Indian government's priorities, pushing aside, for the time being, at least, even the intractable Punjab

issue. Of course, Prime Minister V.P. Singh had said soon after taking over in December that Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir would

receive the highest priority. But even he could not have quite foreseen the dramatic deterioration in the situation in the valley for the last few weeks, the kid-

napping of the home minister's daughter notwithstanding.

Since then, the militants have stepped up violence and their campaign for a "free Kashmir"

and now there is a sense of urgency as the government attempts to tackle the situation through a three-pronged strategy. This involves basically bringing all political parties together in working out a solution, toning up the state administration and launching a diplomatic campaign to counter disinformation spread by "certain quarters" (clearly a reference to Pakistan).

The move to send Jagmohan as governor of the state has not been the unqualified success that the government expected it to be. Apart from the criticism from the leftist parties, which support the ruling National Front, and the Congress, the main opposition party, the appointment prompted Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah to send in his papers in protest.

Abdullah's resignation has meant that, for the time being at least, the problems in the valley are being handled mainly at the administrative level, though the fact remains that the state administration was crying out for a total overhaul. But the government also appears to realise fully well that the problem cannot be handled through administrative measures alone and this explains the long discussion that Singh had with Abdullah in Delhi yesterday.

The government's initiative in this regard appears to stem from the fact that Abdullah continues to be one of the most popular politicians in the state, and, in any case, there is no doubt about his patriotism. Not much is known about what transpired between Singh and Abdullah. But it is likely that the two discussed the proposed all-party meet on Kashmir. On the whole, there is no doubt that Abdullah will be asked to continue to play a major role in the affairs of the state.

Political observers feel that what the central government needs in Kashmir today is a trusted political agent and that Abdullah seems to be the only man who fits the bill.

At yesterday's meeting, Abdullah is understood to have briefed the prime minister about his assessment of the situation. Singh, on his part, is learnt to have asked Abdullah to play an active role in the efforts to restore normalcy.

Simultaneously, steps are being taken to tone up the state administration and make the intelligent network more efficient. An official spokesman said today the situation was more or less under control and that the militants had been pushed on the defensive. The Home Ministry has asked the governor to deal firmly but tactfully with the situation.

But the most important component of the government's strategy is the vigorous diplomatic moves being made to explain its position on the Kashmir issue and the consequent build-up of tension between India and Pakistan.

India has taken strong exception to the signals given out by Pakistan Foreign Minister Yaqub Khan during his recent visit to Delhi, with Gujral describing them to a committee of Members of Parliament as a deliberate, provocative and almost tantamount to the issue of an ultimatum.

Three other workers, also Sinhalese working in a government-run bird sanctuary in eastern Sri Lanka were shot dead yesterday by the gunmen of Tamil National Army.

The incident took place in the Helawa village within the sanctuary in Ampara 202 kms east of Colombo.



An Azeri woman cries inside the Azeri mission in Moscow after security police grabbed her son. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Azeri foes vacate

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Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Red Army intervention in Azerbaijan was designed to end ethnic bloodshed and denied the Soviet authorities wanted to suppress Azerbaijani nationalism, the official Tass news agency said today.

"I want to point out that the introduction of troops was prompted not by some political goals connected with the suppression of dissent ... but by the sole aim to end bloodshed and bring peace and security," Shevardnadze said.

He said the Soviet government was willing to negotiate political solutions.

"Dialogue is the main instrument in this case," he added. Soviet soldiers seized weapons and made scores of arrests throughout Azerbaijan yesterday to crush what Tass called a "criminal military structure" of nationalists led by the grassroots Azerbaijan People's Front. Radio Moscow reported some trouble spots in the republic.

A front official, Yusuf Samadoglu, said yesterday the organization offered to negotiate with Soviet officials and could maintain order, call off strikes and get workers to work double shifts to make up for lost production.

But another front official, Kh. Hajizade, denied such a formal offer was made. He said the front was ready to discuss the removal of Soviet soldiers, the fate of reform in the republic and other issues.

Hajizade also said the organization "continues to operate whether or not its leadership is arrested."

Azerbaijan and Armenia disagree over control of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian-dominated territory that has been part of Azerbaijan for more than 60 years. Armenians, most of whom are Christian, have tried to annex the mountainous enclave claiming its residents are harassed by Azerbaijanis, who are mostly Shiite Muslim.

Azerbaijani and Armenian militants agreed on Thursday to a ceasefire along the border between Armenia and Nakhichevan.

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## Muslims in India uniting to fight injustice

NEW DELHI, Jan 28, (Kuna): Many Muslim parties and leaders have decided to form a national political front to project problems of minorities and weaker sections of the society in India.

The decision to establish a political front was taken after a day-long discussion among prominent Muslim leaders on the political situation in the country. The meeting was presided over by Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi, president of the Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen.

Minorities Front of Assam, Muslim Youth Convention

and Qaumi Morcha attended the meeting. Naib imam of Jama Masjid Ahmed Bukhari also attended the meeting along with representatives of Babri Masjid Action Movement. The notable absentee was Syed Shahabuddin, who has formed the Insaaf Party (justice party). The main aim of the meeting was to discuss various problems encountered by the Muslims in this country. The Muslim leaders also discussed situation in Kashmir, Assam, Babri Masjid dispute and setting up of an anti-riot force in the country.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**96-year-old kills 95-year-old woman:** A station wagon driven by a 96-year-old nursing home resident in Texas went out of control, striking and killing a 95-year-old woman, police said.

Eunice Black was standing in the carriage park nursing centre parking lot Tuesday when she was struck, trooper Lynn Kelley said. John B. French, who frequently drove from the nursing home to the downtown area of this Eastern Texas town, apparently stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake after stopping his car in the lot, Kelley said. The station wagon went out of control, struck Ms Black and then hit another vehicle, the trooper said. (AP)

**Ten injured in tunnel leakage:** Police said Tuesday they believed a leak of pressurized air from a tunnel under construction at Japan caused a street to "erupt," showering pedestrians with water, stones and mud.

Ten people were injured, including three who were hurt as a crowd jostled for a better view.

Officials pulled out two cars and a motor scooter that had been swallowed up in the hole. No one fell in.

A police official emphasised that investigators had not determined the exact cause of Monday's eruption but believed the pressurized air was to blame. (AP)

**Imperial mausoleum gate vandalised:** Suspected leftist radicals have drilled at least 16 holes in two ceremonial gates and pounded small dents in stone markers and lanterns outside the newly completed tomb of Emperor Hirohito in Tokyo, who died in January 1989, police said yesterday.

The damage follows a projectile attack Jan 8 on the home of new Emperor Akihito's brother, Prince Hitachi. Leftist radicals claimed responsibility for firing the projectiles, one of which landed on the roof and another in the garden of the prince's residence, causing minor damage but no casualties. (AP)

**Survival rates similar:** Many women with breast cancer choose to have the whole breast removed rather than just the diseased section, even though survival rates are similar, it was reported in London Saturday.

Nearly seven in 10 women, who undergo total breast removal, mastectomy, are alive after five years, the same survival pattern as women who have only the diseased section cut off, followed by radiotherapy, a conference of breast care specialists here was told.

There are 24,000 cases of breast cancer a year in Britain, of which 15,000 are fatal. The disease affects one in 12 of all women, according to figures released here. (Kuna)

**US agency warned about defective condoms:** Among the hundreds of millions of condoms that the United States gives to other countries are millions that turn out to be defective, according to a government report.

"In the past, the worst consequence of a broken condom was thought to be an unwanted birth," said a report by the office of inspector-general Herbert L. Beckington. "Now with the Aids epidemic, the consequences could be fatal."

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# Justice plea for slain Muslim

LOS ANGELES, Jan 28, (UPI): Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan accused local police of brutality against black Muslims and called for justice at the funeral yesterday of a Muslim shot to death by a sheriff's deputy.

Farrakhan said local law enforcement resents Nation of Islam members and have singled them out for punishment.

"Drug dealers deal on the corner and (police) let it happen. The moment someone puts on a suit and bow tie to clean up the problem, here come the police to shoot them dead," Farrakhan said in his eulogy for Oliver Rodell Beasley III before about 1,750 mourners who packed the African Methodist Episcopal church.

"I say to the city of Los Angeles, we appreciate your condolences. But we don't want condolences we want justice," Farrakhan said.

Beasley, 27, a member of the Nation of Islam, was shot to death Tuesday by a sheriff's deputy trainee during a melee that escalated from a routine traffic stop in an unincorporated area near south Los Angeles, official said.

An autopsy report released Friday said Beasley died of a single bullet wound to the head and was also grazed by another bullet on the right hip, deputy George Docoulombier said.

The graze wound was consistent with the sheriff's department description of the struggle between Beasley and a deputy over the deputy's gun, which was pointed downward, Docoulombier said.

The incident began when two deputies tried to stop David Harley, 18, after he allegedly pulled his car behind their car, then sped past them, Harley stopped in front of an apartment building managed by Nation of Islam members and allegedly began struggling with deputies.

## Second clash

Six men, including Beasley, came out of the building and disarmed one of the deputies, who then drew a backup weapon, officials said.

Harley was wounded in the melee and was arraigned Thursday on felony charges that include disarming a peace officer.

The shooting was the second clash this month between black Muslims and local law enforcement. Muslims and Los Angeles police met Monday to defuse tension arising from a Jan 3 clash between 13 Muslims and 24 police officers that left three Muslims and four officers injured.

Black community groups met Wednesday in a show of solidarity after Beasley's death and held a rally Thursday at a church.

Farrakhan's emotional eulogy was received with a pair of standing ovations, one in response to his assertion that the sheriff's department is trying to cover up the facts surrounding Beasley's death.

"The sheriffs are saying they are sorry for what's happening. But sorry and a cover-up are no good," he said. "Too many of our young men are dead from policemen's bullets that are being called justifiable homicide. It will continue until we say never again."

Oliver, who spent four years in the air force, worked with other Muslims who worked to reform Los Angeles gang members.

"This man came to us wanting to stop the violence," Farrakhan said.

## Anti-Semitism

Also attending the funeral were Los Angeles City Councilmen Nate Holden and Robert Farrell, who offered the city's condolences to Beasley's family.

Muslim membership figures are closely guarded but observers estimate Farrakhan has 250,000 followers nation-wide, including 5,000 in Los Angeles.

Farrakhan, 56, gained national attention in February 1984 when, as head of the Nation of Islam and as an ardent supporter of Jesse Jackson's presidential candidacy, he was accused of anti-Semitism.

# Air disasters becoming more survivable

## Battle for air safety far from over despite technical advances, say experts

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (AP): Air disasters such as the Avianca Airlines crash on Long Island last week are becoming more survivable, in part because design and technical advances have made jet travel safer, many air safety experts say.

"The accident rate is improving. It's not more dangerous, it's getting better," says S. Harry Robertson, director of the Crash Research Institute in Tempe, Arizona. "Airlines are getting safer as the newer generations come along. The rate of improvement is very significant."

Capt. Ed Arbon, who flew for 22

years with Trans World Airlines and is now an official of the Flight Safety Foundation, agrees.

"Some of the recent improvements do make the modern aircraft more survivable," Arbon says.

"Eighty to 85 per cent of recent crashes are survivable," says Drucella Anderson, a spokeswoman for the National Transportation Safety Board. "A lot of safeguards have been built into the planes."

Eighty-nine of the 161 passengers — more than half — survived the crash of Avianca Flight 52 into a hill on the north shore of Long Island.

Preliminary inquiries suggest the craft had either run out of fuel or had a very low supply when it crashed, Thursday night on its way to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. There was no fire when the 23-year-old Boeing 707 crashed.

But the battle for air safety is far from over, even though air travel on the whole has become amazingly safe and millions of passengers are transported each year without incident.

Under new rules issued by the US Federal Aviation Administration and prompted by the investigation of air crashes, passenger seats are being stren-

gthened and have been covered with fire blocking material. The allowable level of toxic smoke and fumes from burning aircraft materials also has been reduced, and exit doors have been made more reliable to avoid jamming.

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said Avianca, like other foreign airlines, would have been required to make some safety upgrades, such as providing fire-retardant seat covers and lavatory smoke alarms, but it would not have been required to strengthen seats.

The latter requirements still are being adopted for foreign airlines.

Farrar said.

Arbon says that by the nature of its technology, the modern jet passenger liner is a safer plane than the piston aircraft it replaced.

"We used to lose engines frequently," he said. "The jetliner has a very reliable power plant. It also has a good guidance system, a good auto pilot; the electronics are much more reliable."

Robertson says improvements are continuing on "the ways in which airplanes are informed as to what is going on and how people on the ground control them."

An example, he says, is the wind

shear blamed for the August 1985 crash of a Delta airliner near the Dallas-Ft Worth airport.

"The people in the tower had no idea of what was going on," he contends. "Today they have better sensors out there. So that is improving."

Arbon said some 70 per cent of today's accidents are due to "the human factor."

Ms Anderson says the NTSB dates many of the improvements in air safety to the recommendations made after its investigation of the deadly fire on June 2, 1983, aboard an Air Canada jetliner en route from Texas to Toronto.



A national-transport safety board investigator pokes his head through a large hole ripped in roof of the cockpit of Avianca Flight 52 that crashed in Cove Neck, New York. The investigator was working to remove sections of the instrument panel of the downed Boeing 707. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Colombian jet had lost all the power

## Avianca crash death toll rises to 73

COVE NECK, New York, Jan 28, (AP): A 73rd Avianca passenger died yesterday as investigators announced that none of the four engines were running when fuel-starved Flight 52 crashed into a hillside.

The National Transportation Safety Board said earlier that three of the four engines weren't running. The fourth was dug out of the mud by workers Saturday.

"We did a quick cursory inspection and there was no power on these engines when the accident did occur," NTSB spokesman Lee Dickinson said.

He spoke at a briefing at the wooded accident site, where inves-

tigators painstakingly examined the wreckage, focusing especially on the broken plane's fuel tanks, lines and gauges.

Investigators determined the engines were not rotating because debris inside of them had not been chewed up, he said. Fan blades in the engine did not show damage that would have indicated a working motor, he added.

Residents in the affluent New York suburb reported that the plane made no sound until it hit the trees Thursday night. The crew had radioed that it was low on fuel shortly before the crash, and there was no explosion upon impact.

The absence of an explosion saved lives, authorities said. Most of the 88 survivors remained hospitalized Saturday, at least 29 of them in critical condition. One person who survived the crash died Saturday, said Nassau county police spokesman Peter Frazzone, but he had no details.

Dickinson said it is still unknown how long it was from the time the engines lost power to impact.

The plane's crew aborted a first landing at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport when an automatic warning device in the cockpit said it was dropping too fast and at the wrong angle. Among factors under study, Dickinson said, was whether the aborted landing affected the plane's fuel system.

In Bogotá, a veteran Avianca pilot, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that when a 707 is low on fuel, a steep climb after an aborted landing may force the fuel away from its engines, causing them to stall.

Boeing spokesman Tom Cole said Saturday he did not know if that was the case. However, he said: "Just on the face of it you wouldn't design an airplane like that because you have to make co-around attempts sometimes or take other avoidance measures."

He said Boeing sent three investigators to the crash site, including a fuel expert.

The New York Times, quoting unidentified pilots, reported in Sunday's editions that fuel gauges on 707s are often imprecise. Unlike newer planes, the 707 has no warning lights to indicate that the plane is running critically low on fuel. The Times said that the first warning light seen by the flight engineer would have been a low-oil pressure light.

Cole, however, said that in his 25 years with Boeing, he had never heard of a problem with a fuel gauge on a 707.

Only one of the Boeing 707's seven fuel tanks was intact, Dickinson said. Investigators will inspect the tanks to see if any fuel remained inside, he said.

The NTSB has said that indicators showed the plane had about 10,000 pounds of fuel, or nearly 1,500 gallons (5,678 litres) of the 23,855 gallons (90,300 litres) of fuel a 707 can carry.

## What really went wrong?

# Probers focus on fuel

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (AP): After eight hours and 2,500 miles (3,600 kms), Avianca Flight 52 fell from the sky. But not, apparently, because of wind shear, sabotage, a collision or any other violent, exotic or complicated peril of modern aviation.

It may simply have run out of gas.

Fuel exhaustion, as the experts call it, rarely causes airline crashes. But investigators were trying to determine if that was really what sent Flight 52 into woods Thursday night outside New York City, killing 72 passengers and crew members and injuring the 89 others.

Here, insofar as it can be determined, is what happened: Flight 52, a Boeing 707, left El Dorado International Airport in Bogotá, Colombia, at 1:30 pm (1830 GMT). After a stop in Medellín, capital city of the cocaine trade, the plane headed for New York.

The plane, according to Colombian radio reports, had been having maintenance problems. Over the past four months it had been hauled back into the shop for repairs 37 times.

It also was heading into rough weather. A slow-moving front was dumping rain all along the US east coast, grounding many planes. But Flight 52 was already on its way.

The travellers included young Blanca and Pedro Beltrón, who were travelling with their newly adopted father to a new home in suburban New Jersey; a 30-year-old man with more than a dozen golf-ball sized packets of cocaine hidden inside his bowels; and Jorge Lozano, a gray-haired Bogotá resident working for American Cargill, a large grain company. He had made this flight many times before.

The plane was scheduled to land at Kennedy International Airport, but air traffic was backed up and controllers forced Flight 52 to wait en route for about 75 minutes. Then, as the plane neared New York, the passengers were told that because of congestion there would be an additional wait before landing.

Finally, at around 9:20 pm (0220 GMT Friday), in rain, fog and low clouds, the pilot prepared to land on runway 22 left. Visibility was less than a half mile (800 feet).

Suddenly the plane was dropping too fast, and at the wrong angle. "Pull up, pull up," intoned the recorded voice of the plane's automatic warning device. "Glide slope, glide slope."

Looking out the window, Lozano could easily recognise the highways below. Then, with no explanation from the cockpit, the plane rose and banked.

Only now did the pilot give the tower the bad news that he and his colleagues already had discussed among themselves: the 707 was low on fuel, running out of it.

The tower asked the pilot if he wanted to try another approach. Yes, he said, but we're running out of fuel. The tower gave him a flight pattern and asked if it was OK. OK, the captain responded.

The words "fuel emergency," which might have produced a speedier landing plan, were never spoken.

The plane swung east out over the Atlantic and then north across Long Island, over a great circle that would bring it back to Kennedy. But this manoeuvre also consumed vast amounts of precious fuel. At 9:32 pm, the pilot had more bad news: two engines were out. That was the last the tower heard from Flight 52; at 9:34 pm, it lost contact.

In the cockpit, the voice recorder stopped. The plane began to shake. The lights inside the cabin went off, as did those on the wings. The only illumination came from emergency lights over the doors. The passengers were frightened. Some, especially the children, started to cry or scream.

Then the plane began shaking much worse, and the craft was dropping fast. Worst of all, the engines were silent, even though the fuel gauges would show that the plane's tanks still held 1,300 gallons (4,920 litres).

Lozano said a prayer and, lacking a pilot, laid his attachment case over his knees. Then he bent over in the crash position and waited to die. Five seconds later, the dark, silent plane hit the tree line.

The 707 mowed a path through the trees before hitting an embankment. The right wing broke off, and the cockpit was crushed. Everyone and everything was thrown forward; those in front died faster and in greater numbers.

## Man wins damages suit for wig sewn to scalp

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script that there was no (big budget) value in my childhood, none whatsoever," he said. "It's basically based on experiences we had, friends of ours. It's more a comedy than an intimate portrait of our growing up." (AP)

PRAGUE: Rock musician Frank Zappa, whose recordings include many cynical comments on American consumerism, carried a similar outlook to this former communist capital.

Asked by Czechoslovak television what he thought of communism after the dramatic democratic changes that have occurred in much of Eastern Europe, Zappa replied with acid brevity: "The same."

Zappa met a fellow maverick, Václav Havel, the formerly banned playwright who became president of Czechoslovakia last month.

Zappa, who has a cult following in Czechoslovakia, arrived at the invitation of Michael Keenan, a rock musician and Member of Parliament. (AP)

STOCKHOLM: Ex-tennis star Björn Borg appeared in court in his second legal battle in two weeks, launching a libel action arising from allegations that he abused drugs.

A preliminary hearing on Monday involved Borg's suing the Swedish magazine Z for \$600,000 for quoting his ex-girlfriend, Janette Björling, as saying he used cocaine.

The magazine's lawyer Peter Danowsky, told the district court that "Z" had heard from other sources that Borg used cocaine before speaking to Ms Björling.

Borg repeated the denial that he used any form of drugs.

"Gossip and lies always have several sources," said Borg's attorney Håkan Sjöström.

Last week the five-time Wimbledon champion began his defence in a \$82 million lawsuit by a former friend and business partner Lars Skarwa, stemming from the collapse of Borg's fashion business. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Entertainer Charlie Daniels says his song Simple Man, which suggests lynching drug dealers and using child abusers for alligator bait, isn't a reflection of his convictions.

"Obviously, I'm being facetious with the song," Daniels said in a recent interview at his ranch near Nashville. "I certainly don't think we should string anybody up from a tree or leave people out in the swamp."

The man who used to sing about being "stoned in the morning" and "drunk in the afternoon" said the song does reflect a change in his attitudes.

"The way I put it is, people tell me, 'well, you used to be that way,' and I say, 'yeah, you used to wear diapers, but you don't any more,'" Daniels said. (AP)

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enhancement, rather a wig sewn to his scalp. The jury awarded him \$200,000 in punitive damages and \$5,000 in compensatory damages.

The jury found the New Jersey firm liable for breach of contract, breach of warranty, fraudulent inducement, fraudulent deceit and fraudulent concealment.

Fleming testified that he was led to believe synthetic hairs would be attached to retainers imbedded in his scalp, which would blend with his own hair, the Baltimore Sun reported yesterday.

But, what Fleming said he received was "a hair-piece with holes in it. They pull your hair through the holes."

The ocean city musician said he was shocked at what had transpired.

"I was frantic," he remembered. "You can go to any department store and find something like it, but you don't sew it onto your head."

He testified that after 18 days he asked the New Jersey firm to remove the wig. The company consented, but soon after Fleming began losing fistfuls of hair and his scalp is permanently scarred.

Attorney Donald Katz argued that his client also suffered an infection because of the procedure.

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# Rise in homicide forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (UPI): As several major US cities recorded their bloodiest year ever in 1989, criminologists predicted a "baby boomer effect" will drive up the national rate for violent crimes — including murder — in the 1990s.

Experts also cited drug turf wars, the increasing availability of more powerful weapons, and wider social acceptance of violence as reasons for the expected increase in homicides and all other violent crime.

"I foresee in the 1990s a steady increase in the rate of violent crime — including homicide," said Prof. James Alan Fox, a criminologist at Northeastern University in Boston whose national crime analysis programme tracks homicide data around the country.

Fox believes that population changes pushing up the grim toll also will aggravate other social problems that bring death and despair to inner cities, such as teen pregnancy and drug abuse.

"All the things that got better in the 1980s because of the shrinking young population will get worse in the 90s," Fox said.

In what he labelled the "baby boomer effect," Fox said that during the 1990s, the children of baby boomers will be reaching

## NY subway gunman kills 1, wounds 2

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (UPI): A gun-toting passenger opened fire yesterday on three men who witnessed said "were looking for trouble," killing one and wounding the others on a subway train in the Bronx, authorities said.

The gunman remained at large following the 1:10 am shooting on the Manhattan-bound No. 2 train carrying 20 other passengers, transit police spokesman Al O'Leary said.

Before the gunfire erupted, witnesses told authorities, the three men "were looking for trouble ... acting in a threatening manner" as they walked back and forth in the subway train, O'Leary said.

"Some witnesses reported they hid their jewellery

and valuables, took off their rings and put them in their pockets," he said.

Witnesses said the gang bumped into a young Hispanic man drinking a beer, began an argument and then left him alone, only to return minutes later, the transit police spokesman said.

During the second confrontation, the Hispanic man, who was armed with a gun, began shouting and then fired five or six shots at the youths, O'Leary said.

Tyrone Macon, 23, of the Bronx, was killed, he said. Bronx residents Eric Morton, 18, and Lendress Bingham, 25, were shot in the chest and taken to Lincoln hospital, O'Leary said.

their teens and early 20s, swelling what criminologists say is the most violence-prone age group.

Moreover, he said, the group will be growing up in an atmosphere unprecedented for its tacit acceptance of violence and murder.

"Our inhibition against taking human life erodes as we view it more frequently on television," Fox said. "It can desensitize us to homicide as a cultural taboo. It becomes less horrific to us as we continue viewing it."

Prof. James Fyfe, a criminologist at American University in Washington, DC, who worked as a police officer in New York

City for 17 years, cited the despair of inner city youth as the engine that drives up the crime rate.

"I think you have a situation where large parts of American metropolitan areas have become crime factories," Fyfe said, pointing to the "tremendous number of people in crime-prone age groups living in those areas."

"Until we change, the conditions that make those inner city areas crime factories, we'll continue to suffer this," he said.

The grim predictions came as several major US cities marked their deadliest year ever. In 1989, more than half a

dozen cities — including Washington, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Kansas City, Mo., Milwaukee, Charlotte, N.C. and New Haven, Conn. — set records for the most murders in a year.

Several others, including New York, appeared likely to break records, although final figures were not yet available.

The homicide rates in several other large cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago and Baltimore, were higher than the 1988 levels, but did not approach their all-time high.

Experts also said those who commit crimes were getting younger and more violent.

# Mandela forbids release by court

## No freedom until conditions are met

CAPE TOWN, Jan 28, (Reuters): Nelson Mandela has forbidden lawyers to seek a court order releasing him from prison, a move they believe could have freed him in hours, lawyers and friends said at the weekend.

Lawyers who spoke to Reuters today said almost the entire South African legal community believed Mandela's continued imprisonment was illegal and unconstitutional.

Mandela's wife, Winnie, said after visiting him for four hours yesterday that he was depressed and lonely in the prison-farm bungalow that has been his home for a year.

"That is not the way you treat a prisoner ... he has even visited two South African presidents for official talks. He is being held for ulterior motives and his continued imprisonment is totally in bad faith," he said.

"Mandela is not being held in terms of the criminal procedures act or any law ... he is being held to suit the political agenda of (President) F.W. de Klerk," Moosa said.

Moosa said Mandela refused a year ago to authorize a court application for his release even though he knew it could have him home within days.

Another lawyer who asked not to be named told Reuters he had discussed a court application with Mandela more recently, but had been forbidden to take the idea further.

"Given the statements that have been made by various government ministers, I believe we could have Mr Mandela out of prison in 12 months," he said.

**Conditions**  
The lawyer said, however, that Mandela insisted on release as his right and wanted De Klerk to free him immediately and unconditionally.

De Klerk has said repeatedly he plans to free Mandela from his 1964 life sentence for plotting to overthrow white minority rule, but he has not said when.

Political analysts expect him to begin moving this week to meet the conditions Mandela has set for his release, including the lifting of a 30-year ban on the ANC and two-year-old bans on 34 other opposition movements.

Peter Mokaba, president of the South African Youth Congress and a close friend of Mandela's wife, said activists would oppose court action on Mandela's behalf.

**Struggle**  
"Mandela must be freed as a result of the people's struggle, not as a result of court action," he said before being detained under charge under South Africa's three-year-old state of emergency.

Lifting of the emergency and an end to political detention are among the conditions Mandela has set for his release.

"If lawyers were to pursue that line they would meet with opposition from Mandela and from us. We don't believe the courts have any role here," Mokaba said.

Government and activist sources have predicted that Mandela could be freed in the last two weeks of February after preliminary moves by De Klerk to improve the climate for negotiations on a shared future of blacks and whites.

Government sources have said De Klerk is willing to meet Mandela's conditions slowly, beginning with an announcement next Friday of first steps to improve relations with the country's black majority.

**Impatient**  
De Klerk told Assistant US Secretary of State Herman Cohen earlier this week to expect "major developments soon," but it is unclear how precise the president will be in his parliamentary address or if he intends to give a timetable.

Asked for his expectations for the parliamentary address, Mrs Mandela said: "We expect Mr. De Klerk to create a climate for Mr. Mandela's release. The family expects him to give a date for his release."

The nationally circulated Sunday Times said a powerful lobby within the government, including security advisers and cabinet ministers, was arguing for Mandela's release as soon as possible to capitalise on favourable international reaction.

## Biologist sees total ruin of Amazon

RANCHO GRANDE, Venezuela, Jan 28, (AP): US and Latin American field biologists and educators have gathered in the rain forest to discuss ways to instill a conservation ethic in young people.

And one conservation activist warned at the gathering yesterday that he foresees the "total destruction" of the jungle, home to thousands of plant and animal species and a major source of earth's oxygen.

The activist, US field biologist Archie Carr, blamed the Brazilian government, saying it complained about efforts to protect its rain forest instead of co-operating to save the jungle, the world's largest wilderness.

He spoke to the Associated Press at the site of the congress, a research station 70 miles (115 kilometres) west of Caracas, the capital.

Most US participants said they were surprised at how much conservation was taught in a school they visited in a poor neighbourhood of west Caracas and how much grass-roots support for conservation exists in the region.

"Many of us were not even aware of our own prejudices," said Ann Berkovits, director of teaching programme at the Bronx zoo in New York City.

The first Pan-American congress on conservation of wildlife through education is sponsored by the New York Zoological Society through its field research wing, Wildlife Conservation International.

Brazilians say their struggling economy benefits from development work in the Amazon.

President Fernando Collor de Mello told a news conference Friday in Washington, where he was visiting President George Bush, that his government is aware of environmental concerns. But, he said, any actions Brazil decides to take will be because the government believes it is in the best interests of Brazil.

Carr said in the interview, "at the present time, I see no reason not to foresee an Amazon basin that is totally deforested, populated from end to end, and the scene of the whole host of environmental problems that would constitute a planetary disaster of historical dimensions."



Callejas (left) embraces Azcona during inauguration ceremonies. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Callejas is in

Vow to work for peace

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan 28, (AP): Rafael Leonardo Callejas was sworn in as president Saturday and promised to work for peace in Central America where many people still "live with machine-gun fire and terror."

Callejas, the 76th president of Honduras, assumed office in the country's first peaceful transition of power to an opposition party in 57 years.

He urged Central Americans to unite "to fight for dignity and progress in our republics, because nobody in the world has the right to choose our destiny ..."

Delegations from 60 nations came to Tegucigalpa to attend the swearing-in, including the Venezuelan President Carlos

Andres Perez; Guatemalan President Vicio Cerezo; Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani; Costa Rican President Oscar Arias; and US Vice-President Dan Quayle.

The new president of the legislature, Rodolfo Lina Navas, placed the presidential sash on Callejas, 46, whose term runs through January 1994. More than 40,000 people attended the ceremony in the national stadium.

Callejas, of the National Party, won the election Nov 26 by beating Liberal Party candidate Carlos Flores. He replaced Jose Azcona Hoyo of the Liberal Party, who was barred by law from running again.

## Pledge to pursue Jesuit murderers

TEGUCIGALPA, Jan 28, (UPI): Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani reassured Vice-President Dan Quayle yesterday that his government is vigorously pursuing the case against those accused in the Nov 16 assassinations of six Jesuit priests and two others.

Conferring with Quayle before the inauguration of the new Honduran President, Cristiani said it was fairly clear "who gave the order" for the killings, telling reporters that Col Guillermo Alfredo Benavides, who was commander of the zone where the murders occurred, was named by at least three other military men involved.

Asked if he expected any further arrests, Cristiani said, "that's not something you can say ahead of time."

Salvadoran authorities have arrested eight of nine officers and soldiers charged with premeditated murder in the priests' deaths.

The killings prompted Cristiani to launch a special investigation under pressure from the United States.

The six priests, leaders of El Salvador's leftist intellectual community, were killed with their housekeeper and her daughter in the height of a fierce offensive launched by the country's Marxist-led rebels in El Salvador's 10-year-old civil war.

Quayle, meeting with reporters with Cristiani by his side, said the two had not discussed specifics of the \$1.5-million-a-day US aid programme or possible aid cuts for El Salvador.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan 28, (AP): US Vice-President Dan Quayle met yesterday with Latin American heads of state and assured them that the US invasion troops would be withdrawn from Panama "in a matter of weeks, not months."

Quayle attended the inauguration of Honduran President Rafael Callejas and then scheduled meetings with five other regional presidents there. He carried President George Bush's assurances that

## Panama refugees cling to hope

### Homeless wait for aid

ALBROOK FIELD, Panama, Jan 28, (AP): The United States has pledged \$1 billion in aid to Panama, including money for refugees displaced by the US invasion, but thousands of homeless may stay that way for much of the year.

An estimated 16,000 refugees hail from one Panama City neighbourhood alone, El Chorrillo, which had the bad luck of being home to the Panama Defence Forces headquarters, the main target of the US invasion Dec 20.

"We paid the highest price for the invasion," said one refugee, Francisco Martinez, "we had little, but we lost it all."

Local officials said they are discussing plans to provide new homes using money promised by US President George Bush.

Despite the United States' offer to help, the refugees will likely be living for at least a year in tents, shelters and even a converted airplane hanger at Albroke Field, a US military installation.

"It is unjust. Things ought to move a lot faster. These people need a home," complained Sergio Galvez, director of the camp, which shelters 3,500 refugees on the northwestern rim of Panama City.

Families live in partitions made of wooden frames and canvas. Some of the alleys have been given the names of streets from the old neighbourhood, less

than two miles (3.2 kilometres) away.

"No gossip allowed," reads one piece of canvas that serves as a door on one of the partitions in the airplane hanger.

"Gossip and disinformation are some of the problems," Galvez explained.

"People get desperate, there are nearly 6,000 unemployed among those who lost their homes. Some people go around telling others that the US army is giving cash to every family, and within minutes you have a mob asking for the money."

"Everybody is looking out for himself," said Miguel Martinez, 23. "We were not a very united community back in El Chorrillo."

Martinez was working as a helper in a home for the elderly next to El Chorrillo's church when the US effort to oust Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega began.

US officials said most of the damage wasn't caused by the attack itself, but by fires set by Noriega supporters.

"We got everyone out safely the next morning," he said. "The church did not burn down."

"I guess I could go back, but I'm trying to help here. Some of us get together and do volunteer work distributing medicines, food, cleaning up and doing other jobs. We are here sharing the suffering of our brothers."

## Portugal can help in talks: Savimbi

LISBON, Jan 28, (AP): Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi said yesterday Portugal could help re-activate deadlocked efforts to end the 16-year war between his Unita guerrilla movement and the Marxist Angolan government.

Savimbi, making his first visit to Lisbon since independence from Portugal plunged Angola into civil war in 1975, said Unita (The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) would also welcome Portugal as a monitor of an eventual ceasefire.

The rebel leader said he fully supported the mediation efforts of President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire. But he said he believed Portugal could help quicken the peace process.

"Portugal could serve as a link between Unita and the MPLA government ... serving as a moderator helping to bring about a sincere and honest dialogue," Savimbi told the group of prominent political figures who invited him for a nine-day private visit.

Savimbi said Unita was ready to sign a ceasefire agreement immediately.

Savimbi's visit pulled him away from the Angolan battlefield where 12,000 guerrillas are holding off 9,000 government soldiers using tanks and Soviet-made MIG bombers in what Unita officers described as the biggest offensive ever mounted against the US-backed rebels.

Hundreds of supporters shouting "Viva Savimbi" and waving Unita flags greeted the rebel leader when he arrived at Lisbon airport aboard a private jet bringing him from the Ivory Coast.

Rifle-toting police patrolled the route Savimbi took through Lisbon in an armoured-plated French-registered limousine to lay a wreath on the tomb of Portugal's 16th-century epic poet Luis de Camoes, traditionally the first official act of visiting heads of state.

Later Savimbi was received by President Mario Soares at the presidential palace of Belem for what Portuguese officials described as an unofficial audience. Unita spokesmen said they also expected Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva to meet Savimbi in a private capacity.

Savimbi's visit marks the end of a 15-year ban on the Unita leader entering Portugal. The Lisbon government had previously refused to issue him a visa to avoid jeopardising its close ties with the Soviet-backed Angolan government.

But Portuguese secretary of state for foreign affairs Jose Durao Barroso said the ban ceased to have any meaning after the two sides in the Angolan conflict began direct contacts, resulting in last June's signing of a short-lived ceasefire agreement.

Savimbi said it would be tantamount to suicide for his Unita movement to accept a one-party state as demanded by the country's Marxist government.

"It's out of date, even for the conditions in Angola," he said in a television interview yesterday in Portugal.

"Who today in the world would accept a one-party system?"

Savimbi dismissed the peace proposals presented by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos in New Year's speech as sophistry which did not advance the faltering peace process.

As to the 17,000 troops remaining in Angola, down from about 27,000 at the height of the invasion, Quayle said he would tell the Latin American leaders that Bush is committed to reducing the level to the 13,000 pre-invasion strength.

He would not give a timetable but said it was "a time period of weeks rather than



'Mandela not happy'

Winnie Mandela, photographed outside Victor Verster prison where her husband Nelson Mandela is being held, said that problems had arisen in plans for an early release. "I don't find him as happy as I did the last time," she said. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Cartel lands seized:** US drug agents in Philadelphia have taken 2,700 acres (1,100 hectares) of land linked to the Colombian Medellin cartel, in what was called the largest land seizure by the government in a forfeiture action.

The \$2.8 million property, which belonged to a convicted cocaine smuggler, is in a heavily wooded area in northeastern Pennsylvania that includes several lakes, the Drug Enforcement Administration said.

The land was owned by Frederick Luytjes, through his Mastwood Corp. of Dalton, Pennsylvania. The DEA asserts he purchased the land with profits from 10 tons of Colombian cocaine imported from 1981 to 1984.

The money was used to pay off a \$1 million mortgage on the property in 1986, the DEA said in a statement on Saturday's seizure. (AP)

**Major charged with arms running:** A major in the US Army reserves has been charged with conspiring to ship rockets, grenade launchers, machine-guns, rifles, detonators and explosives to the Cali drug cartel in Colombia. The major was charged in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Robert Wayne Waddell, 49, is the third defendant charged in the aftermath of a government sting operation that ended last June 9. Waddell was arrested Thursday at a pawn shop he owns in Houston, Texas, said special agent Phillip Chojnacki of the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The sting ended when David Candiotti, 27, and Carlos Enrique Gil, 25, bought 25 machine guns and a cache of smaller weapons from undercover federal informants at an exit off a Florida highway. (AP)

**Contras found guilty of nun ambush:** US-backed Contra rebels were responsible for a New Year's day ambush in Nicaragua that killed two nuns, including an American, the Americas Watch Human Rights group said on Sunday in Managua.

"We conclude, based on the available evidence, that the Contras engaged in this indiscriminate attack because the evidence indicates that they made no effort to determine whether the occupants of the vehicle were civilian or military."

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government has blamed the Contras for the ambush at Ojo de Agua in remote northeastern Nicaragua that killed Maureen Courtney, an American nun, and Teresa Rosales, a Nicaraguan nun. (Reuters)

**Suspects arrested:** Police said Saturday in Guatemala City they have arrested six suspects in the slayings of a left-wing Salvadoran politician and a Guatemalan lawyer.

Police said the suspects in the killings of Hector Oqueli Colindres, deputy secretary-general of the National Revolutionary Movement, and attorney Gilda Flores Arceval were linked to the April 3 theft of weapons from the presidential guard. They were arrested with a large cache of weapons, including a .32-calibre pistol similar to the one used to kill the victims, police said.

Oqueli and Flores were kidnapped Jan 12 while driving to Guatemala City's airport. Their bodies were found the next day in Jalpatagua, a city east of Guatemala City.

Police said the suspects were arrested near Puerto Barrios, 180 miles (280 kilometres) northeast of Guatemala City, but did not say when. (AP)

**Haitian bishops urge Avril:** Haiti's Roman Catholic bishops have urged the military government to stop its crackdown on their opposition and restore individual liberties suspended after a state of siege was declared last week.

"It is time for us to stop tearing each other apart," said a statement read Saturday by the church's Radio Soleil and signed by Haiti's 10 bishops.

## Troops will be pulled out from Panama within weeks, assures Quayle

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan 28, (AP): US Vice-President Dan Quayle met yesterday with Latin American heads of state and assured them that the US invasion troops would be withdrawn from Panama "in a matter of weeks, not months."

Quayle attended the inauguration of Honduran President Rafael Callejas and then scheduled meetings with five other regional presidents there. He carried President George Bush's assurances that

the Dec 20 invasion should not spur ill will between the Latin American nations and the United States.

Quayle, speaking briefly to reporters after the breakfast at the home of Ambassador Chris Arcos, acknowledged the Panama invasion was "not without controversy."

"We have certainly read the public pronouncements. Yesterday and today and tomorrow my mission will be private consultations, not in the nature of apology

sing, but in the nature of where do we go from here. How can we work together to build democracy."

As to the 17,000 troops remaining in Panama, down from about 27,000 at the height of the invasion, Quayle said he would tell the Latin American leaders that Bush is committed to reducing the level to the 13,000 pre-invasion strength.

He would not give a timetable but said it was "a time period of weeks rather than

months. We are moving in a downward direction."

Before the inauguration, Quayle met with El Salvador's President Alfredo Cristiani in a session that focused mostly on human rights and the need to move expeditiously to prosecute military officers charged in the Nov 16 slaying of a Salvadoran Roman Catholic priest.

Quayle was applauded and cheered when he entered the outdoor stadium where the inaugural ceremony was held.



# Kidnapping industry thrives in south Italy

ROME, Jan 28, (Reuters). No flags covered their coffins. But the four men were given a final farewell as natives who died in a far away battle and were coming home for the last time.

They were not soldiers but kidnappers from dirt-poor southern Italian villages, killed by police a world away on the edge of the wealthy Lombardy plain.

The killings, which thwarted what

would have been Italy's first kidnapping of the year, and the emotionally charged funerals at which friends and relatives accused police of murder, once again underscored Italy's north-south divide.

They focused national attention on the notorious 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate's kidnapping industry based in southern Calabria, a rugged region of unmerciful land and isolated moun-

tain-top hamlets.

The men, three from the village of San Luca and the fourth from an equally bleak nearby hamlet, died in a hail of automatic gunfire on January 16 as they tried to kidnap the 27-year-old daughter of a building materials supplier at his depot on Lake Maggiore, near the Swiss border.

Investigators got word that a kidnapping was planned in the north and a score of

heavily-armed paramilitary police were waiting. They opened fire after the armed men refused to surrender.

Had the kidnappers succeeded and taken their victim south, yet another Italian family would have begun the painful ritual of counting days, of waiting for phone calls, of desperately raising ransom money, or arranging furtive encounters with shady middlemen.

Instead, the men were sent home in

coffins. Their deaths were mourned as unnecessary by thousands of black-robed villagers but trumpeted by police and politicians as a turning point in the state's war against 'L'Anonima Sequestri' — the anonymous kidnapping industry.

The word 'industry' is not a media embellishment. With ransoms of several million dollars each, the men of the 'Ndrangheta' can clear \$10 million

in a good year.

A report on kidnappings last October in the magazine 'Calabria', published by the regional government, reads like a corporate press release.

The budget of the 'Anonima' is in the black. With nearly half of the kidnappings in Italy in the last 20 years, the 'Ndrangheta' organisations have confirmed their uncontestable position as leaders in this criminal speciality.

## Odd sky lights reported in US

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (AP): Thousands of people in the eastern United States reported seeing a strange bluish-green light in the night sky, and some experts said they could have been viewing an unusually large meteorite.

"We are quite confident it was not a man-made object re-entering," said Maj. Dick Adam, spokesman at the North American Aerospace Defence Command (Norad) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. "We have no idea what it was."

Sightings were reported from the northeastern US state of New York to the mid-Atlantic state of Virginia. Adam confirmed that the air force was getting calls from all of those areas.

"We cannot correlate the sighting with any of the information of the objects we are tracking," said Adam. "We are tracking approximately 6,800 objects. Our mission is to keep track of what's in space. Whatever it was, it wasn't one of the objects we're tracking."

Robert Gribble of the national UFO reporting centre in Seattle, a private group, also reported receiving dozens of calls.

"Based on descriptions that have been given, I'd say we're dealing with a very large solid, a very large meteor," said Gribble. "Descriptions run from a blue-green to a bright green coming down in an angular descent leaving a short trail behind it," said Gribble.

He said everyone who had telephoned the centre described the object "as coming down and hitting the ground in their area, which is very common in something like this."

Among the people who reported seeing the object was David Arnold, an area air traffic control supervisor at Dulles airport, outside Washington, who reported the sighting at 7:10 pm yesterday (0010 GMT today).

"We don't know exactly what it was, a meteor or a satellite," said Arnold, who has been an air traffic controller for 25 years. "It lasted 25 to 30 seconds and went from brilliant white to an orange as it broke up."

"We've seen things like this before, but much higher. This was quite brilliant. It appeared to have dissipated completely."

But not all witnesses saw the object change colour and appear to disappear.

A television reporter in Oak Hill, west Virginia, went to the home of one of the first witnesses nearly three hours after the initial sighting and reported the light was still hovering in the sky.

Kitty Harrison, assignment editor for WOAY-TV in Oak Hill, said what she saw was "absolutely not" a meteorite.

Researchers hope the activated killer T-cells, or CD8 cells, will kill or at least inhibit the growth of AIDS-tainted cells and fight other infections afflicting AIDS patients. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is financing the study.

# Pope urges Bissau to respect rights

### Education based on ideology criticised

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau, Jan 25, (Agencies): Pope John Paul II, visiting Marxist Guinea-Bissau yesterday, criticised collectivism and urged the country to respect human rights despite its economic crisis.

In a homily delivered on the second leg of his eight-day tour of the Sahel region, the Pope said people should be spared from "everything which seeks to crush or eliminate them in the anonymity of collectivism."

On arrival at Bissau, capital of the West African state of Guinea-Bis-

sau where Catholics form only 6.9 per cent of the population, the pontiff also told the one-party, Marxist-orientated government of Gen. Jose Bernardo Vieira, who seized power in a coup in 1980, that "the pillars of a model of truly human society always remain truth, freedom, justice, love, responsibility, solidarity and peace."

But the climax of the Pope's visit to the former Portuguese colony yesterday was a Mass celebrated for more than 20,000 people at the capital's Chinese-built "September 24" stadium.

"Be ready at all times to overcome energetically all forms of discriminating inequality, maltreatment, contempt and neglect for the dignity of the wife, the children and minors," the Pope said in Portuguese.

Some 53.6 per cent of the Sahel-region country's population of 950,000 is animist, while 38 per cent is Muslims and 1.5 per cent is Protestant.

John Paul, also restated the anti-materialistic theme he took up during his previous stop at the Cape Verde islands.

"Be vigilant and do not let yourselves be conquered by the temptations of corruption and abuse of power and riches," he warned.

He warned that the mere possession of material goods, if not accompanied by "an awareness of the moral dimension, can easily carry man to an enslaving greed for possessions and immediate pleasure."

Thousands of people, many of them beating tom-tom drums, lined the streets from Osvaldo Vieira international airport to the city centre to greet the pontiff, who travelled separately from Gen. Vieira for security reasons. Observers said the Pope's welcome was warmer than the already enthusiastic reception given to Portuguese Premier Mario Soares during a visit he made in November.

At least 3,000 people from the nearby countries of Senegal, Gambia and Guinea travelled to Bissau to see the Pope, church sources said.

In an airport speech, the Pope said the "pillars of a truly human model of society" should be freedom, justice and fundamental rights.

The pontiff said the church realised the difficulties of trying to find the best political system to improve living conditions in Guinea-Bissau, one of the world's 15 poorest countries.

The average life expectancy in this former Portuguese colony on the West African coast is 39 years, the lowest in the world, and annual per capita income is around \$190.

The Pope criticised education based on ideology, in what Vatican officials said was a reference to complaints by the local church that the one-party state imposes Marxist-oriented teaching in schools.

The government of President Jose Bernardo Vieira, who took power in a 1980 coup, has made an effort at reform.

It has liberalised the economy, lifting price controls and trade restrictions at the behest of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

In its latest report, the human rights organisation Amnesty International accused the government of holding about 30 political prisoners in connection with an alleged 1985 plot to overthrow Vieira. The report said they had received an unfair trial.

In what was seen as a gesture to the Pope, the government last week freed 16 people who had been convicted in the alleged conspiracy.

Six others convicted in the same case were executed in July 1986, despite pleas for clemency from the Pope and others.

## Doe's troops spared none

KANTA YOLE, Ivory Coast, Jan 28, (AP): Keson Kaleu was able to save three of her children from marauding Liberian soldiers, but the memory of a son she couldn't save haunts her.

"They killed my child," the young woman wailed as she limped into Kanta Yole, ending a two-day flight through dense forest and across the Cavally River.

Here 300 Ivorian villagers are sharing their homes and meagre food supplies with more than 300 survivors of a massacre in which Liberian government troops reportedly have killed at least 500 civilians.

The bloodshed began Dec 24 when rebels supporting former civil servant Charles Taylor tried to overthrow the government of President Samuel Doe. Troops sent to put down the rebellion allegedly gunned down hundreds of civilians.

Ivorian officials and international aid agency workers visiting Kanta Yole when Mrs Kaleu arrived during the week-end asked her to describe the killing of her son. But she was too distraught even to be able to speak his name.

"They just shot him down as we ran to hide," she kept saying as she nursed a crying baby.

Later, she told a reporter: "It was Samuel Doe's soldiers who killed my baby." She indicated the height of a child a metre (3 feet) tall, telling an interpreter who translated from her native Guere to French that she had lost her only son.

Mrs Kaleu has three daughters, but male children tend to be valued more than females in Africa.

In her misery, she failed to see the happy reunion she made possible: businessman Moses Duo and his four children. Mrs Kaleu also had had Duo's children in the thick bush every time she heard the gunfire that still echoes from across the Liberian border.

English teacher John M. Layweah, 44, who fled the Liberian town of Kahunplay on Jan 3, said the sounds of a heavy battle reached Kanta Yole on Tuesday.

"New refugees say the rebels pushed the government forces out of the town," he said. Officials at a mining complex near Kahunplay confirmed on Friday that work had been halted because of fighting in the area.

Layweah said nearly 200 residents of the town of 3,000, including Mrs Kaleu, have found their way to Kanta Yole. Kahunplay is 60 miles (100 kilometres) from the border and Kanta Yole is five miles (8 kilometres) beyond.



Liberian Alfred Cebe, shown with his wife.

### Electromagnetic radiation

## Health risk

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (UPI): Low-level electromagnetic radiation from computers and even electric blankets requires further study because there is still not enough evidence to dismiss the potential health risk, a study showed this week.

For the past several decades, scientists have debated the possible health threat of very weak electric and magnetic fields such as those generated by common household appliances, radar emitters and utility power lines.

Some critics say they doubt low-level electrical fields endanger health, because natural heat fluctuations within living cells would be greater than any disturbances caused by electromagnetic radiation.

But researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the National Institute of Standards and Technology said their calculations show heat variations within cells do not always override the impact of weak electrical fields.

"Estimates presented here argue that concerns related to possible biological effects due to very weak environmental electric fields cannot be dismissed on the grounds of being swamped by thermal fluctuations," the researchers wrote.

The study, published in the journal Science, also found enzymes and other molecules embedded in the cell's outer membrane appear more vulnerable to effects of electromagnetic radiation than chromosomes and other molecules in the cell's interior.

MIT's James C. Weaver and Nist's R. Dean Astumian emphasised their work does not prove that electromagnetic fields pose a health threat.

"It would be premature to make strong conclusions. But this does show that maybe this (issue) should be taken a bit more seriously, seeing as one of the often cited objections appears not to hold up," Weaver said.

## New British newspaper aims at quality market

LONDON, Jan 28, (Reuters): A new newspaper was launched in Britain today aimed at winning a largely young, well-educated readership in a fiercely competitive market.

The Independent On Sunday is latest product of a newspaper boom fed by computer technology and hopes to win readers from the Sunday Times.

"Obviously we will be going for their readers and trying to persuade them to buy our paper," editor Stephen Glover said.

The paper is the Sunday sister of the Independent, a successful daily launched more than three years ago.

"We believe a large impact can be made with the first edition," said Glover who expects sales of 500,000 copies per issue in the first year selling at 60 pence (\$1) each.

The Independent On Sunday also hopes to attract readers from the Observer, the Sunday Telegraph and the Sunday Correspondent and break into the mid-range market by taking sales from the Mail on Sunday and Sunday Express.

"We want to expand the market," Glover said, adding the paper, employing 85 editors and journalists, would have innovations creating a new look in a "stable Sunday market".

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Slaying witness shot:** A young woman who witnessed a slaying from her apartment in San Francisco was shot to death in the street and police said they would have to release three suspects because she was the only witness.

The body of Felicia Stanberry, 23, was found in the street with a bullet in the head and a bullet in the neck after neighbours heard shots Thursday night, police said.

Stanberry witnessed from her apartment the Jan 6 slaying of Tony Hunter, 29, who was shot eight times by two men armed with a rifle and a pistol, police said. Her taped statement to police led to the arrest of three men.

There was "no doubt that she was killed for her cooperation with police," assistant district attorney Thomas Norman said Friday. "I'm shocked and outraged," (UPI)

**Skull of lost marine found:** The skull of a marine who was accidentally abandoned in the desert after manoeuvres one night in 1988 was found 3 miles (4.8 km) from where his other remains were recovered a year ago, officials said Saturday in Twentynine Palms, California.

Geology students found the skull Jan 6 during a dig near national trails highway outside the grounds of the marine corps air ground combat centre, chief warrant officer Doug Henth said.

The desert base is just north of Twentynine Palms, which is about 130 miles east of Los Angeles.

Geologist Donald Allen, leader of the group from Colby College, notified San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies, who turned the skull over to the county coroner's office, a sheriff's spokeswoman said. (UPI)

**Jet makes emergency landing:** A Continental Airlines passenger jet made an emergency landing at Newark international airport, but no one was injured and officials later blamed the incident on a defective warning light, officials said Sunday in Newark, New Jersey.

Flight 1965 left Atlantic City, New Jersey, around 11 pm Saturday (0400 GMT Sunday) on a flight to Cleveland, Ohio, when the crew noticed the light indicating an overrated power generator, continental spokesman David McLean said.

"It was a false indication," he said. "It turned out to be nothing. When they got to Newark they found out it hadn't overheated." (UPI)

**SR-71 Blackbird grounded:** The United States on Friday officially ended its original stealth jets, which for 25 years rocketed at 2,100 mph (3,379 kph) to the edge of space, beyond reach of attack, to spy on global hot spots.

The SR-71 "is an aircraft that has truly reached out and touched the face of God," Gen John Chism Jr., chief of the strategic air command, said in Barks Air Force Base, California, in a reference to "high flight," a poem by John Gillespie Magee Jr.

The dagger-shaped "Blackbirds" which the air force called the world's fastest and highest flying airplane, were permanently grounded in November by military spending cuts. (AP)

**Towboats, tanker barge collide:** A gasoline tanker barge that exploded into flames after colliding with another towboat on the Mississippi river continued to burn late Saturday night, as the US coast guard puzzled over how to extinguish it.

The towboats were travelling in opposite directions when they collided Friday afternoon, 25 miles (40 kilometres) north of Rosedale. One was towing 25 grain barges, the other was towing five barges each carrying a total of about 20,000 barrels of gasoline in 10 tanks.

No one was injured in the accident. (AP)

## New Aids therapy seeks to stabilise immune system of patients

PITTSBURGH, Jan 28, (AP): A new treatment for Aids that involves removing, stimulating and then re-injecting certain white blood cells has the potential to stabilise patients' immune systems, a researcher said.

"It's taking advantage of one's natural defence against the virus," said Dr Monto Ho, chairman of infectious diseases and microbiology at the University

of Pittsburgh's graduate school of public health.

Ho, who is heading what is believed to be the nation's only clinical trials of the new treatment, said researchers plan to remove white blood cells that attack cells infected with the Aids virus. The removed cells will be treated with stimulants and incubated for two weeks so they can multiply.

The activated cells, called killer T-cells, then will be injected back into the patient from whom they were taken.

The treatment is being administered to only one person, although the six-month study calls for six to be tested.

"The purpose is to really see if it's toxic," Ho said. "If it's not toxic, a bigger programme will be initiated to find out if it will really

kill the infected cells. Whether it will do that, we don't know."

Researchers hope the activated killer T-cells, or CD8 cells, will kill or at least inhibit the growth of Aids-tainted cells and fight other infections afflicting Aids patients. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is financing the study.

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## Bush roughed up some Democrats playing tough

# Political push saves China policy

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (UPI): The Senate debate on the Chinese student's deportation bill was at first ennobled by fine words about human rights and refuge for the persecuted but the issue was later defeated in the blood sport of politics.

Passages and reality collided last week in the Senate and the President of the United States — once decided as a spineless preppy wimp — roughed up some tough Democrats by playing tough, too.

But President George Bush couldn't gloat about it. He escaped a major political embarrassment, a veto override of the student's protection bill, by only four votes.

With all the weapons in the White House arsenal, he never should have let himself slip so close to disaster.

He won largely because Republicans diverted the issue from one of human rights to one of a partisan political scrap in which Bush was opposed by every Democrat in Congress.

Bush reacted late to the massacre last June of Chinese students leading the pro-democracy movement.

He later promised Congress no student would be deported from the United States to face political persecution in China, but said

writing the guarantees into law would set back his efforts to press Beijing to reform.

His word was not enough for his critics so Bush called in some political street toughs — Lee Atwater, Richard Nixon, and Alan Simpson — to change the debate.

Atwater, the Republican national chairman, started calling GOP Senators like Connie Mack of Florida and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, reminding them who carried the political weight in the party. He lives at the White House.

Secretary of State James Baker came to Capitol Hill to work one-on-one with GOP

Senators.

And in the cabinet room, the President laid it out to Senate Republicans: he said he knows more about China than anybody in Washington and insisted his political leadership was being challenged.

"I thought Bush was more directed, more committed, more vigorous, than I have seen him on any single issue," Simpson recalled. "He is offended to think that someone would think that his position is somehow equated with sending these fine young people back to their deaths."



Joy, not for all

A young girl holds a traditional Chinese ornament and a toy (photo left) near the Wong Tai Sin temple in Hong Kong, an elderly man (right) carries a dustbin down a snow-covered alley in the heart of Beijing as China begins the Year of the Horse. (Reuters wirephotos)



## Hurd to seek US support on HK

LONDON, Jan 28, (AP): Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who flies to Washington today, hopes to overcome US resistance to Britain's determination to forcibly return Vietnamese boat people from camps in Hong Kong.

"I hope there is increasing recognition of what we in Hong Kong are up against," Hurd told US reporters in London on Thursday. "We have an absolutely major problem confronting us."

Hurd has appointments with President George Bush and Secretary of State James A. Baker III tomorrow, and with members of the foreign affairs committee of Congress the following day.

Hurd also plans to put forward a British proposal for substantially increasing links between the United States and the 12-nation European Economic Community because of the upheaval in Eastern Europe.

The trip comes four days after a 30-nation conference in Geneva on refugees ended in disarray. The United States blocked an international consensus that mandatory repatriations of Vietnamese boat people should start July 1.

US officials insisted on a year's moratorium until Jan 1, 1997. The new UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Norwegian Thorvald Stoltenberg, has the job of trying to mediate in the Anglo-British deadlock.

It affects the fate of thousands of boat people in Hong Kong, a British colony, and Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Privately, British officials express increasing frustration at the US attitude.

"Hope springs eternal. I wouldn't put it any higher than that," one British official said of Hurd's chances of getting Bush and Baker to change their minds.

Britain has classified 44,000 Vietnamese boat people in camps in Hong Kong as economic migrants, not political refugees.

In a controversial operation last month, Britain sent back the first plane load of 51 Vietnamese boat people to their communist homeland against their will.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government insists it will continue with forced repatriations, but has held off hoping to persuade the United States to drop its opposition.

The government has not said when it will resume the deportations.

Britain argues that only rapid deportations will deter another influx of boat people this spring. At the Geneva conference, however, Britain was prepared to accept a July 1 date as part of an international agreement accepting the principle of mandatory repatriation.

With an additional 12,000 refugees waiting for resettlement in the West, Hong Kong has just over half the 109,000 boat people, which the United Nations estimates are in camps in Southeast Asia.

British officials say the lagging by US officials at the Geneva conference over a date meant Washington had accepted mandatory repatriation in principle.



Hamada (left) and Makiko discuss Japan's politics in an interview at an office of their supporters. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Japanese MP husband unhappy

# Defiant wife to run

TOKYO, Jan 28, (Reuters): For decades Makiko Hamada helped her spouse with his career as a bureaucrat and politician in Japan's parliament. Now she says she's had enough.

The 47-year-old former Japan Airlines stewardess is so fed up with the scandals tainting her husband's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), she has decided to defy his wishes and run for parliament herself.

"I don't think I'm a political liability for my husband," proclaims Makiko as her husband, 48-year-old parliamentarian Takujiro Hamada, stares moodily into the distance during a recent interview. "Of course you'd have to ask him yourself."

"Campaigning for the February 18 general election, Takujiro will be running in neighbouring 'Saiki' district in Saitama prefecture west of Tokyo."

Takujiro is seeking a third term in the lower house as a member of the LDP's Miyazawa faction, one of several alliances in the fractious Conservative Party. Makiko is running against a junior member of the same faction.

"In Japan these days a woman can do what she likes," she proclaims forcefully. "Times have changed."

A graduate of the elite Tokyo University, Makiko is standing as a conservative independent on a platform calling for an end to the peccadilloes and corruption that have plagued the ruling party for the past year.

A series of scandals over influence peddling and sexual indiscretions contributed last summer to the LDP's losing control of the upper house for the first time.

It is control of the lower house, however, which determines which party forms a government in Japan.

Last Wednesday, after months of defending its policies against an opposition hungry for power, the cabinet took the plunge and called early lower house

elections. They promise to be the toughest challenge the LDP has faced since taking power in 1956.

Japanese women, upset over a three per cent consumption tax pushed through parliament by the LDP last year, are emerging as a force to contend with in Japan's politics — often to the marked disapproval of the nation's men.

A record 68 women will run in next month's elections for the 512 seats in parliament.

"I don't think there's any question that my wife's running is a liability for me," retorts Takujiro when given the floor during a recent interview with the couple in their home in suburban Santama.

"I understand her criticism of the present state of politics in Japan," he adds. Makiko starts to say something. Takujiro raises his voice.

"But as a member of the Miyazawa faction, I have to make all kinds of excuses (for her running)," he says. "Any way you look at it this means trouble for me."

"That sort of factional trouble is the main reason why the LDP has lost its vitality," answers Makiko.

"That's true," concedes Takujiro. His wife's opponent is the son of a former parliamentarian who was Takujiro's mentor in his early days as a politician.

Children of politicians frequently inherit constituencies from their parents, says Takujiro. "In a democracy this is improper," he adds.

"But looking at it realistically, the system already exists and to change it single-handedly is not going to be easy," says Takujiro, who advocates change, but from within the system.

"I don't think it will be hard at all," counters Makiko.

"The Japan Socialist Party (JSP) doesn't really constitute a proper opposition and doesn't reflect the will of the people," she says, adding that JSP gains in last summer's upper house elections reflect a disenchantment with the LDP rather than a political victory for the opposition.

## Train accident

# 1 dead, 40 hurt in Seoul

SEOUL, Jan 28, (AP): One passenger was killed and 40 others were injured today when a freight train ran into two cars of a passenger train that had come uncoupled and jumped to another track, officials said.

Authorities said it was not immediately known why the cars came uncoupled and derailed, blocking the adjacent track where the oil-laden freight train was coming at a railway station in southern Seoul.

Initial reports said the dead passenger was a 10-year-old girl, but officials said later they had contradictory reports about the victim.

Officials said more deaths were expected as some people were listed in critical condition at hospitals.

The passenger train originally had nine cars. The officials said many of the 350 passengers fled through windows in panic after their train suddenly halted with a loud bang.

No fire broke out although the freight train was carrying oil, they added.

Officials said cranes and other equipment were sent to clear the track and no serious travel delays were caused by the wreck.

Millions of Seoul residents had left the capital last week to visit their rural hometowns and relatives during the nation's three-day lunar new year holiday, which began on Friday.

JAKARTA, Jan 28, (UPI): Flash floods and mudslides brought on by three days of monsoon rains in central Java killed at least 129 people in the region's worst flooding in decades, government officials said today.

The death toll today reached 120 in Semarang, about 250 miles (400 km) east of Jakarta, where the flooding began early on Friday morning with the overflow of the Banjir Kanal river, the official news agency Antara said.

At least nine others were reported dead in other parts of Indonesia, and a total of 42 people were reported missing nationwide.

At least 58 bodies were recovered in Semarang, the capital city of central Java, officials said.

## China welcomes overtures

BEIJING, Jan 28, (Agencies): Chinese Premier Li Peng publicly welcomed improved relations between China and the West and pledged China will uphold socialism "regardless of international developments," the state-run press reported today.

In a Chinese New Year's address broadcast on national television and carried on the front page of all major newspapers, Li noted China's relations with "certain Western countries" had experienced difficulties, but said there were now signs of improvement.

"There are now indications of a turn for the better. We hope this momentum can develop to the fullest," he said.

"This is not only in China's best interests but in the interests of those foreign countries as well."

Li's remarks were unusually conciliatory. The Premier is regarded as an unyielding conservative whose public remarks have until now left little room for compromise with the West.

Western nations and Japan imposed sanctions against China in response to the Chinese army's bloody suppression of student-led protests last June.

Li's tone may have been prompted by the US Senate vote last week upholding US President George Bush's veto of a controversial bill to protect Chinese students.

The bill, which was defeated by a narrow margin of four votes in the Senate, would have allowed 36,000 Chinese students to seek permanent residence in the United States.

China issued a scathing condemnation of the bill after it passed the US House of Representatives, warning of "certain harm" to Sino-US relations if the bill became law.

The US and Japan have been slowly easing up an economic and military sanctions imposed nearly eight months ago following the Chinese government's brutal crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in June.

## Food markets well stocked

# Smart Beijing move

BEIJING, Jan 28, (Reuters): Beijing residents are getting a rare treat as they usher in the year of the horse, a year that Chinese astrologers say will be turbulent for China.

Food markets are well stocked with chickens, ducks and seasonal delicacies — all at cut prices.

With memories of June's bloody military repression of the pro-democracy movement still fresh, diplomats say authorities have gone to great lengths to appease what they fear are the restive people of the capital with abundant food to pile on holiday dinner tables.

Martial law in Beijing was lifted just two weeks ago, but residents say not much has changed except that now they are allowed into Tiananmen Square where the pro-democracy campaign and subsequent crackdown was centered.

On the surface things are calm. "I don't think most people will behave any differently this new year," said one Beijing resident. "Of course, the people whose family members were victims (of the crackdown) will still be mourning their loss."

"But ordinary people will celebrate the spring festival with their families and friends like every year."

Hong Kong astrologers have predicted that the year of the horse, which began at midnight on Friday, will see China brought close to civil war.

Diplomats in Beijing have said the spring with its

many anniversaries of major political events, including the June crackdown, could be stormy.

For now, the government is making sure that the nation's most joyous holiday passes smoothly.

"The authorities have made sure there are lots of cheap food items in the markets this new year to keep people happy," one diplomat said. "The prices are cheaper than last year — it's clearly a political move."

The food is kept cheap by government subsidies, with shipments flowing in from the provinces even if it means shortages there, the diplomat said.

"Whatever they do, they want to keep the natives happy in Beijing this new year," he said.

One Western diplomat said he did not expect any disturbances until at least after Chinese New Year, or the spring festival, is over.

Sub-zero temperatures are said to deter would-be protesters, although some arrests took place in Tiananmen Square immediately after martial law was lifted on January 11. A young Beijing man said people were too afraid these days to make trouble.

In the run up to the festival shoppers in heavy padded overcoats elbowed their way through capacity crowds in Beijing's large department stores.

Toy shops were packed with parents, very much like the pre-Christmas rush in the West. Crowds were five deep in one emporium to watch a magic show.

diplomats said.

"If things go well with the United States, Li's position among hardliners at home is weakened," an Asian diplomat said.

In his speech, Li repeated the official hard line that China will remain unaffected by the wave of political liberalisations sweeping eastern Europe.

Regardless of international developments, China will confidently adhere to the socialist road it has chosen," Li declared.

But repression has not stopped.

Twelve Chinese Catholic bishops, including a World War Two hero, have been arrested as part of a new drive by China

against the underground Catholic church, church sources said today.

The clerics, in their 70s or 80s, were rounded up last month in a sweep of arrests in Tianjin city and Shaanxi, Gansu, Hebei, and Inner Mongolia regions, one source said.

The arrests formed part of a series of recent moves by the communist leadership against the underground Catholic church whose members follow established Vatican teaching.

The Beijing communist government, whom Rome has never recognised, has accused the Vatican of appointing bishops secretly and interfering in China's affairs.

## Japanese doctors, under pressure, agree to open up to patients

TOKYO, Jan 28, (AP): Japanese doctors, long regarded as too exalted to be questioned, are beginning to change their guidelines to give patients more information about diseases like cancer and more say in life-and-death decisions.

Under pressure from new patients' rights groups, the Japan Medical Association surveyed doctors about such "informed consent" issues as terminal patients' right to stop treatment.

The survey results, showing most doctors willing to open up to patients, were released in mid-January along with recommendations by a committee on ethics.

The recommendations said doctors should give more detailed information to cancer patients, and patients should have the right to

refuse treatment when there is no hope for recovery.

The Association for Death with Dignity, whose 7,300 members have already signed wills expressing their wishes if they have a fatal disease, welcomed the announcement.

"I've seen patients with incurable disease and cancer at final stages, tied to machines and living in pain, and I refuse to be kept alive like that," spokesman Keisuke Miyaji said.

The committee report and recommendations, however, left physicians with much discretion. It said cancer patients should be told the truth on condition that they have the strength to face reality and that the cancer is at an early stage.

On ending treatment of terminally ill patients, committee chairman Ichiro Kato

said it is "not illegal" for doctors to agree to a patient's wish to be permitted to die.

If ailments are less serious, the recommendations say doctors should inform patients of the possible dangers involved in their treatment and other alternatives.

Interest in patients' rights has been growing for years and was given impetus by widespread publicity of doctors' strenuous efforts to treat Emperor Hirohito, whose final illness lasted over three months. After his death Jan 7, 1989, doctors disclosed that the emperor hadn't been told he had cancer.

In a country where doctors have been respected as saviours with special knowledge, patients have been slighted. They used to believe they should not bother doctors by asking silly questions.

Doctors gave treatment without explaining fully why so many different pills and shots were needed, or even how bad the ailments were.

But the medical association survey indicated doctors have finally started to question whether a treatment means anything if it increases the length of life, but not the quality.

The survey of 1,607 doctors, conducted last summer, found 70.7 per cent agreed that "doctors should pay respect to patients' wishes."

Another 16.3 per cent of the doctors urged legalising the right to die in accordance with patients' wishes. Only 7.3 per cent said they must always keep patients alive, the report said.

Cancer has been the primary cause of death

in Japan since 1981, followed by heart and cardiovascular failures. The Health and Welfare Ministry estimated 212,000 Japanese died of cancer last year.

Ayako Katsunuma, whose husband Haruo, a doctor, died of lung cancer five years ago, said, "If I had cancer, I would like to know, by all means. My own experiences with my husband made me think that knowing the truth makes a big difference."

"Before the surgery, my husband said he wanted just six more months to live, so that he could go back to work and complete unfinished work, and he did," Mrs Katsunuma said.

He asked his doctors for the truth, and that enabled the couple to make their remaining days together very worthwhile, she said.

"It also released some of my mental suffering," she said. "Hiding the truth must be so stressful for other family members."

She stressed, however, some patients are better off not knowing the truth.

"It depends on a person's own philosophy about life and death. Many people just don't think about death when they're healthy, and they can't face it when disease attacks them all of a sudden," Mrs Katsunuma said in an interview.

Shizuko Kiba, a critic who studies terminal care, said doctors have overwhelmingly focused on medical technology and ignored patients' feelings.

"Medical care is for patients, and its purpose, especially for those at the final stage of their lives, should be to relieve pain and let them live like humans," she said.



## US to pull out 15,000 troops

BONN, Jan 28, (Agencies): The United States will announce soon that it plans to withdraw 15,000 of the 230,000 troops it has in West Germany, the newspaper Welt Am Sonntag said.

The paper, in an article made available in advance of publication today, said an official announcement might be made soon but gave no source for its information.

It said Washington was expected to say the troops were being pulled out because they operated intermediate-range nuclear missiles being scrapped under a treaty with the Soviet Union.

But according to Welt Am Sonntag, only 2,000 servicemen would be withdrawn.

The United States said on Friday it was planning to reduce its 2.1-million-member armed forces by up to 200,000 military personnel in the next five years to cut defence spending.

President Bush's "transition" defence budget to be proposed today is a two per cent after-inflation spending cut from this year's plan and would eliminate major weapons systems and reduce troop strength.

"I'm proposing a defence budget that begins the transition to a restructured military, a new strategy that is more flexible and more geared to contingencies outside of Europe," Bush said at a news conference last week.

Balanced

At the same time, he added, the budget will enable the United States "to meet our inescapable responsibility to NATO and to maintaining the global balance."

As part of that strategy, Defence Secretary Dick Cheney separately will announce plans today for "extensive" base closings, both in the United States and abroad. These will be in addition to the 36 major domestic bases that were approved for closure or partial closure by Congress last year.

As the White House prepared the fiscal 1991 budget, defence officials outlined some details of the military spending plan that they said would cut weapons systems and reduce US troop strength and close bases.

In his fiscal 1991 budget submission to Congress today will recommend a \$295 billion military spending plan — a two per cent "real" reduction, after accounting for inflation, from this year's defence budget.

The congressional budget office believes it may be the first time in the post-Vietnam era that a President, in his first request to Congress, will seek a defence budget that is lower than the previous year's in "real" spending.

Congress for the past five years has cut defence below the previous year's inflation-adjusted level despite White House requests either for increases or a freeze, which allows spending to rise with the rate of inflation.

This budget is the beginning of what could be many years of a large-scale US military retrenchment in response to the defence cuts initiated by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

In addition, the new defence budget will recommend spending \$1.2 billion to increase the military's role in fighting drugs — another politically popular issue.

Yet, the 1991 spending plan developed by Cheney is certain to draw fire on Capitol Hill for what it doesn't cut: A spending increase for the "Star Wars" programme and money to build all five B-2 Stealth bombers.

Indeed, a two per cent may not be seen as enough.

"What we are likely to face... is the first of a series of Gorbachev-driven defence budgets. It's going to make coming down one or two per cent in real terms look like fat funding," chairman Les Aspin, Democrat of Wisconsin.

Based on information from defence officials and other sources, the fiscal 1991 budget will:

- eliminate the navy's "top gun" F-14 Tomcat, a deal the administration cut with Congress last year that allowed the building of the last 18; and the V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft sought by the marines that Cheney tried to kill last year.

- suspend production of the Army's M-1 tank, a mainstay of NATO defences in Western Europe, and an army helicopter programme.

- mothball two of the navy's four battleships, the USS Iowa based at Norfolk, Va., and the USS New Jersey at Long Beach, Calif., and pave the way for the mothballing of older, boiler-operated frigates and destroyers.

- Western allies should meld their existing national defence industries into a single integrated structure, the US ambassador to NATO said.



Polish riot police battle young protesters trying to storm Palace of Culture (left) and anti-Communists with a burning red banner fight police in front of Warsaw's Congress hall (right).



## Rebel Polish communists form breakaway party

WARSAW, Jan 28, (Reuters): More than 100 rebel communists formed a breakaway Social Democratic Union today, plunging Poland's former ruling party into chaos as it tried to form a new leftist party of its own.

Tadeusz Fitzbach, a prominent reformer, walked out in disgust from a communist congress late yesterday but returned today to tell the 1,500 delegates he had set up the Union of Social Democracy of the Republic.

He made the announcement after the Polish United Workers Party (PUWP), crushed by the Solidarity movement in elections last June and ousted from power in September, failed to disband yesterday as planned.

Instead, delegates voted to form a new party before dissolving the old one and began a founding congress to establish it. The rebels dismissed the move as a trick to keep progressives and hardliners together in a monolithic party little different from the PUWP.

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Fitzbach has the declared support of Lech Walesa. He won the Solidarity chairman's trust when, as Gdansk party chief in 1980-81, he helped negotiate the accords which led to the first trade union's creation in 1980.

But he denied he was serving to Solidarity and said: "I have my principles and I will not change them."

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Foreign Trade Minister Marcin Swiechowski, one of four communists in the Solidarity-led government, walked out of the Congress with the rebels last night and declared himself a non-party member.

He objected to the decision not to dissolve the PUWP immediately which party leaders said was to allow it to pass on its property to the new party before disbanding.

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## E. Germans meet to form grand coalition

New Forum backs unification of two Germanys

EAST BERLIN, Jan 28, (Reuters): New Forum, East Germany's biggest reform movement, approved today a programme for free elections, including backing for German unification.

But it faced the prospect of a split in its ranks after two key New Forum leaders stormed out of a weekend congress with a dozen supporters saying they could not accept the decision on unity and a call for a more free-market economy.

Most delegates from the umbrella opposition group backed the call for the two German states to be united, a vote which left the communists isolated as the only leading political organisation still favouring two sovereign German states.

In another development, East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow met opposition leaders today to thrash out conditions for forming a grand coalition, expected to be the country's first ever non-communist government.

Opposition groups last Friday accepted the communist premier's offer of a cabinet role to steer the troubled country toward free elections in May but only if ministers renounced party affiliations until then.

Modrow, heading a five-party caretaker coalition installed after pro-democracy protests shattered communist autocracy last November, made the offer because his government's authority was crumbling from anti-communist unrest.

Modrow has denied reports he was ready to suspend his party obligations to meet opposition terms, but stressed his responsibility as prime minister to the whole country, not any one party.

He refused to comment today as he went into the coalition negotiations, held in a government guest house.

Communist Party chairman Gregor Gysi, also involved in the talks, said as he entered: "No one should be humiliated."

Gysi said a grand coalition without party affiliations was a workable idea to stave off political chaos.

Gysi's comment was the strongest indication yet that East Germany would get its first non-communist government in its 40 year history.

"This is a workable idea," Gysi said when asked by reporters if the communists were ready to accept the opposition condition that all ministers in a grand coalition suspended party allegiances until the elections.

A decision last Thursday by the communist-allied Christian Democrats (CDU) to abandon Modrow's government if a grand coalition were not formed quickly put the prime minister under severe pressure to accept the opposition's terms.

The opposition leaders, engaged in talks with the government to chart reforms, demanded a non-partisan cabinet to avoid tainting their image before the elections.

New Forum's platform for the May 6 free elections, the first in the country's 40-year history, was approved by 176 votes to 77 with four abstentions.

But Reinhard Schult and Ingrid Koeppel, two of New Forum's three members at regular talks between the opposition and the communist-led government of East Germany's future walked out.

They are both on the left wing of the movement and want to preserve East Germany as a separate socialist state.

But other New Forum speakers said the wishes of the majority of the movement had to be respected.

The programme lists New Forum's main aims as the establishment of a social market economy, German unification, cleaning up East Germany's polluted environment and providing extensive social welfare for the country's 16 million people.

Founded last year to press reform demands of the then autocratic communist government, New Forum grouped a wide range of activists with a common purpose.

But since the Stalinist elite was swept from power in a peaceful revolution last autumn there have been increasing signs of disagreement within New Forum.

The congress, called to establish the movement as a political force, has been chaotic with many delegates rejecting the New Forum's conversion to a political party, preferring it to stay a citizens' pressure group.

Some Swedes complain that the governing Social Democratic Party has moved away from its egalitarian ideals. Others say the government has failed to quell inflation and has allowed Swedish industry to become slack and unproductive.

The 100-year-old party, which has governed for 51 of the last 57 years, permeates every level of Swedish society through ties with labour movements, youth clubs, pensioners' and tenants' organisations and other groups.

A relatively brief spell under a neo-socialist coalition convinced many Swedes that there was no worthwhile alternative to the Social Democrats. After six years of opposition, the party was returned to office in 1982 — but as a minority government.

The Social Democrats now govern with tacit Communist Party support but recently have referred making deals with non-socialist parties.

The governing party dropped to a record low in the latest monthly sampling by Sifo, Sweden's leading polling agency. Only 36 per cent of those polled supported the Social Democrats, compared with 44 per cent a year earlier.

The three parties that had formed the non-socialist coalition totalled 47 per cent in the poll, although each party individually ranked below the Social Democrats — the moderates with 24 per cent, the Liberal People's Party with 13 per cent and the Centre Party with 10 per cent.

Thirteen per cent said they were undecided, double the percentage of two years before.

The government has raised the possibility of resigning, thus bringing on early elections — a rare event in Swedish politics. National elections are held every three years and the next ones are due in 1991.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson's personal popularity also has plummeted since he took over on a wave of sympathy after the 1986 murder of his friend, prime minister Olof Palme. The December Sifo poll said just 23 per cent of the sample expressed "great confidence" in Carlsson, down from an approval rating of about 60 per cent when he took office.

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Former first deputy prime minister Ion Dinca (left) reacts to the charge of genocide in the military academy in Bucharest, while former vice-president Manca Manescu (right) sits with his head bowed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Share of the cake sought

Romanians protest

BUCHAREST, Jan 28, (Reuters): Romania's leading opposition parties, saying they wanted to avoid the threat of civil war, called on the government today to share power.

Spokesman Ioan Lup read a joint statement over state radio as some 6,000 party supporters and a similar number backing the ruling National Salvation Front converged on a square outside the Front's headquarters in tense but peaceful rivalry.

The parties say the Front, which took over last month after the fall and execution of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, is monopolising power and should share it with the new-dissevered Communist Party. A counter-demonstration expressed strong support for the new government.

Iliescu and Prime Minister Petre Roman went on television late yesterday to offer some concessions but the parties' spokesman said they were ambiguous and did not go far enough.

"We don't want civil war, we want civilised discussions so that we can achieve peace and tranquility to work and live better than hitherto," Lup said.

He acknowledged the parties' rally was unauthorised but said it was not intended to lead to violence. He urged Iliescu to take measures to avoid fights between the rival demonstrators on Victory Square.

Iliescu appeared alongside Corneliu Coposu, leader of the National Peasants' Party, who with leaders of other main political parties has been holding talks with the Front on forming a coalition embracing all significant political groups. The Front has so far resisted this demand.

An estimated 10,000 protesters and 5,000 Front supporters had congregated at Victory Square outside the headquarters of the Front, which took power on Dec 22 following the overthrow of Ceausescu.

Iliescu told the crowd: "I appeal to reason... we are having talks with all political parties." But he failed to make himself widely heard and his calls for calm had little effect.

Many of the demonstrators want the Front to resign. They say it is dominated by officials of the now-dissolved Communist Party. A counter-demonstration expressed strong support for the new government.

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He expressed confidence that he and Baker will make further progress towards an agreement to cut by half the two superpowers' strategic nuclear arsenals.

For his written responses, the foreign minister was asked if the Soviet Union would sign a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start) that did not limit sea-launched cruise missiles or the US "Star Wars" programme, two long-time sticking points in the negotiations.

Shevardnadze wrote: "We are willing to limit (the missiles) outside the treaty framework on the condition that the relevant provisions will be recorded concurrently with the treaty, will be mandatory, and subject to verification."

"We are willing to sign and implement a Start treaty even without agreement on space if the sides continue to observe the ABM (anti-ballistic missiles) treaty as signed in 1972," Shevardnadze said.

He was also asked to comment on a recent article signed only "Z" in Daedalus, the journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, that argued Gorbachev's reform efforts are futile and thus should not receive the support offered by Western countries.

## Freedom for Albania call

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# Kuwait to attend marine pollution meeting

## Bid to contain oil spill accidents

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (Kuna): Kuwait will participate in a four-day international meeting for fighting marine oil pollution that will be held in Washington next Monday.

Head of the national committee for fighting marine oil pollution Captain Naim Al Naqib said in an interview with Kuna yesterday that Kuwait will participate in this meeting in response to an invitation extended by the US Coast Guard.

A resolution by the International Marine Organisation General Assembly has called for an international agreement on fighting marine oil pollution worldwide.

The captain said that every oil tanker has to abide by a contingency plan in case of marine oil pollution.

Every country will be asked to establish an operation centre for cases of marine oil pollution.

The resolution also calls for establishing a global centre at the International Marine Organisation headquarters for exchanging information about marine pollution.

The centre would distribute information internationally concerning equipment and expertise available near the accident site.

Director of marine affairs at the Ministry of Transportation Abdul Rahim Al Yagout who will also take part in the preparatory meetings said that the international agreement will put certain restrictions on ships sailing through waters of countries included in the agreement.

Meanwhile Planning and Acting Health Minister Dr Abdulrahman Al Awadi warned against results of neglecting protection of desert environment.

In a speech on the occasion of the Desert Protection Campaign, Al Awadi said Kuwait's desert is facing a number of negative acts which

can negatively affect it.

He pointed out that HH the Amir and HH Crown Prince and Premier's concern with protection of the environment had encouraged the workers in the campaign.

Referring to the phenomenon of desertification in the world, Al Awadi said it spread to Kuwait during recent years because of careless practices.

Chairman of the environment protection society Hamed Abdulham Shuaib explained the society's measures to protect the environment through education and contests.

The campaign's programme includes practical training on fire fighting and social, cultural and sports contests.

The programme, which ends February 8, will also include lectures on desert protection and first aid.

## Two new AI Fahad wards for handicapped

DR ABDULLA AL AYAF.

Director of the Physiotherapy Hospital said that two new wards are being built at the hospital which will fall within the project called "AI Fahad".

The official said that the first will be directed to treating bone diseases and the other for providing handicapped people with artificial limbs. Both wards were provided with a swimming pool.

The hospital initially was a part of the Al Razi Hospital, but was transferred as an independent hospital according to directives of senior officials of the ministry.

The ministry has decided to maintain the present buildings of the hospital by renewing some of the structures instead of building a new hospital which would cost about KD19 to KD20 million.

The Ministry of Public Health has earmarked an amount of KD3 million for maintenance and renewal works at the hospital. From this amount KD half million has already been utilised for maintenance works.

**Atmosphere**

The physiotherapy hospital has a noise-free atmosphere as there is no emergency clinic at the hospital which is usually the cause of disturbances. Additionally, the majority of patients are old people who are quite calm and patient.

The official said that people have gained confidence in physiotherapy treatment during the last few years due to the development of medical equipment and qualified medical cadres. He added that physiotherapy succeeded in treating many cases of paralysis, especially among children.

Al Ayaf pointed out that one of the most serious problems that the hospital faces is that relatives of some patients refuse to take their patients home from the hospital claiming that they are still disabled and need more treatment and care at the hospital.

But, he commented, these patients can be cured more rapidly if they leave hospital and get into the main-stream of family life.

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A.A.

YOUR residence can't be transferred to a new sponsor. According to the rules issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour No. 87/1989, an expat labourer must work for the same employer for at least a period of three years. You have not completed that period.

Kuwaiti labour law No. 38/1964, Article 53, you fall under the limited contract labour category. Article 53 states that "The party terminating the contract may pay to the other party an amount in lieu of notice, equal to the labourer's wage for the period specified."

"If the contract is made for a fixed period, and either of the two parties terminates it, while there is nothing among its terms dealing with such a case, the party terminating the contract shall compensate the other for any loss incurred by him."

"If such termination is made by the employer, for reasons other than those stipulated, he shall compensate the labourer for any loss incurred by him, with observation of commercial customs, the nature of work and the terms of the contract."

And, in general, all circumstance under which the said loss is realised, provided the amount of compensation shall not exceed a wage balance equivalent unexpired period of contract under any case whatsoever.

In accordance with the law, quoted above, you have the right to claim compensation, but while doing so you'll have to prove the losses under the contract.

According to ministerial resolution No. 87/1989 you have the right to get the air ticket on final cancellation of a visa.

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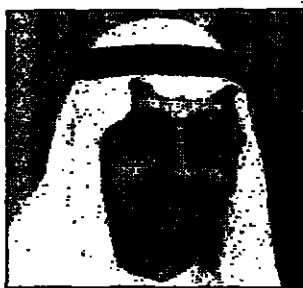
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## 8 centres for industrial inspection to be set up

THE director of follow up department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Mariam Al Houti has said that ministry has completed a plan to establish eight centres for industrial inspection at the different industrial areas. These centres will develop performance and facilitate work procedures at the ministry and save time and efforts of citizens who want to fulfil their formalities.

She added that plan will be carried out in two stages. In the first stage, four of these centres have been opened at Ardhiya, Sabhan, Sabahiya and Sulabi-khai areas. The second stage will include the establishment of four similar centres during the coming five-year plan in other areas.

These centres will inspect the industrial installations and handicrafts in these areas to make sure they abide by industrial regulations and do not violate the terms of licences.

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Khaled Al Rasheed ... hard work.

## Khaled makes his computer converse

Teaching aid for blind

KHALED Abdul Qader Al Rasheed, an ambitious Kuwaiti youth was able through insistence and hard work reach a new accomplishment in the world of science. He makes his personal computer talk to blind individuals.

A local daily interviewed Khaled to discuss with him the new additional device he has added to his personal computer.

Khaled said that having a lot of leisure time after work made him think of this idea. The idea applies the ability of a talking computer to teach blind individuals. The computer will talk just by pressing a special key on the computer keyboard.

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understandable sounds which assists the blind in using computers the same way regular people do.

He stated that nobody encouraged him to push ahead with this project and added that talented Kuwaiti youth do not find enough support. He said that he had gone through several interviews with a number of members of the local press but did not receive any response.

He said the best response to his invention came from the Blind Society and a number of special institutes. One Saudi company offered him a contract to work with them on a fixed salary of KD1,500 a month. Khaled refused the offer because he did not want to leave Kuwait.

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## MEW to continue awareness campaign

THE assistant undersecretary for consumer affairs at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Ali Hmoud Al Fozni has stressed the ministry's consistent effort to rationalise power and water consumption, highlighting the different public awareness campaigns sponsored by the ministry for this purpose.

He told a local daily that the rationalisation concept depended mainly on the individual's sense of responsibility, particularly once the individual learns how much money is spent by the government to subsidise power and water.

Fozni pointed out that the ministry's monthly fee collection did not exceed KD3 million, compared to KD25 million value of monthly expenditure.

He urged consumers, to provide the ministry with a copy of their ID-card as soon as possible, which could either be submitted to the ministry's representatives or delivered to the ministry's different consumer offices, which would be used for entering consumer personal data into the computer.

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## New system proposed for pharmacy services

### Private sector involvement being studied

THE Minister of Planning and acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi is currently considering the possibility of devising a special system whereby the private sector could take active part in the provision of pharmaceutical services.

According to a local daily, the idea is based on the active involvement of private sector pharmacies in providing services required by patients calling on the ministry's various medical centres. Special contractual agreements have been concluded with the owners of these pharmacies, and in accordance with the prescriptions issued by the ministry centres.

The cancellation of the existing ministry's pharmaceutical services, is to ration-

alise public spending through minimising the amount needed to fund the existing pharmaceutical services and related facilities as well as reducing the existing government stocks of medications and drugs and consequently the operating pharmaceutical staff.

A senior official at the ministry told the paper that the operation of the proposed system would have to be done by a new law on professional practice and another identifying duties, responsibilities and rights of all parties involved. These include the ministry, pharmacies and beneficiaries, as well as the individuals entitled to operate the system. He said that the proposed laws' executive codes would cover the selection

of qualified pharmacies and establishments.

The proposed laws would also provide basis for addition or deletion of existing commercial concoctions and related alternatives besides medications stated in the pharmaceutical guide, details of treatment duration, doses, package specifications, stickers, instructions, samples, financial codes and basis of inspections and related regular check-ups.

He pointed out that special personnel were currently involved in studies aiming to lay down the legal and financial aspects of the project. These studies will be based on analytical comparison of currently conducted social studies to determine the

public acceptance of the new system and the ability of securing all projected advantages.

Meanwhile, the director of the Public Relations Department at the ministry Faisal Al Dosari has announced the ministry's intention to distribute first-aid kits to groups and families wishing to camp out in the wilderness.

He said that the kit contained bandages, pain-soothing tablets and others and that the step was taken in response to directives by the acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

He pointed out that the kits would be distributed at the Environmental Protection Society's centres at Mishref and Jadalijay, as of today.

## British schools conference opens

### National Curriculum being promoted

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

THE National Curriculum, introduced amid scepticism in September 1989, is now being recognised as a system that will eventually improve the standard of education in the UK, said Peter Watkins, deputy chief executive of the National Curriculum Council of England.

Watkins, who is in Kuwait to take part in the ninth British Schools Conference, said scepticism and hostility to the National Curriculum is giving way to acceptance and a firm belief that in the long run it would benefit the students.

The National Curriculum is the core of the Education Reform Act which became law in July 1988, a major educational reform in over 40 years, intended to raise the standard of learning.

Under the Act, the National Curriculum Council was formed to oversee its implementation in four key stages over a period of time.

The National Curriculum has the potential to make a significant improvement in the standard of education; it is going to define the entitlement of pupils and provide a balanced educational format," stressed Watkins, who gave the keynote speech at yesterday's opening of the British Schools Conference.

The British Schools Conference, which has now become an annual event, was first held in Bahrain in 1982 to bring together teachers from different British schools in the region. From a platform to share common experiences and problems, it became a major forum to unite headteachers and teachers for a wide-ranging exchange of views and in-service training. It also became customary to hold the conference on a particular theme, this year's is "The National Curriculum."

### Explanations

The conference participants include more than 400 teachers from 50 British schools in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt, Amman, Cyprus, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Ras Al Khaimah, Fujairah and Dubai.

Watkins, a main speaker, was invited by the British Council, to explain the National Curriculum, particularly after some British schools in the region, like the Gulf English School, introduced the programme for their students along with British schools in the UK.

The first phase of the curriculum was introduced in September 1989. It will become fully operational in four stages in seven years.

Due to inherent weaknesses in education, it was found that there was an "unacceptable diversity" in the process of learning. "There was concern about the standard of education," explained Watkins. Individual schools had developed curriculum, which did not have any basic format. There was also concern about inadequate knowledge in basics, like spelling and maths.

The emphasis will be on providing a broad and balanced education in 10 compulsory subjects, divided into "core" subjects and "foundation" subjects. The core subjects are mathematics, English and science; and others are history, geography, technology, music, art, physical education and foreign languages.

"We intend to provide the training background for training needs," said Watkins.

The emphasis now is not only on what students learn but how well they learn. To achieve this goal, a specific assessment system will enable closer teacher-pupil-parent participation in the education process. The role of the teacher would be to teach, record, assess and report with a view to achieve the "attainment

change as dramatically as that of a "bad teacher." In other words, the teacher-pupil relationship will also be re-examined.

Students who take the 1994 GCSE examination under the British education system would be required to follow the National Curriculum. The GCSE syllabus will be revised by 1992. As students of most British schools in Kuwait are likely to take this exam in 1994, educationists in the region considered it a pertinent idea to familiarise themselves with the curriculum and how it can be applied.

**Workshops**  
Kuwait has one of the largest concentration of British schools in the region. There are 12 British schools with over 350 teachers and thousands of pupils.

This is the first time that the British Schools Conference is being held in Kuwait. During the Jan 28 - Feb 2 conference, a number of educational workshops and in-service training programmes will be held for teachers. These will be on education management, private schools, National Curriculum, Arabic, dance and movement, primary music, primary science and religion.

In addition to Watkins, other speakers are David Vale, Professor John Welton, Raymond Derricott, Claire Davies, Irish Kathryn Idle, Andi Hicks, June Woolston, Natasha Downs, Patricia Milne and Martin Skelton.

The British Schools Conference has been sponsored by the Institute for Private Education with the support of the Ministry of Education and the British Council. It has been organised by the Gulf English School, affiliated to IPE.

An educational exhibition, displaying British books and educational equipment, will be held as part of the conference at the Regency Palace Hotel. It will be open from 9 am to 6 pm, until Feb 2.

Watkins believes that the role of the "good teacher" will not

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### The Great Elephant March January 16-20, 1990 Kerala, India

As part of "India - Destination of the 90's" promotion, the state of Kerala in India is inviting tourists to the Great Elephant March - 4 days of endless excitement in an enchanting land. Tourists are invited to witness an assembly of 101 gloriously caparisoned elephants and to join a 16km march through Kerala on 30 elephants. A journey that takes the tourists through centuries of art and culture. Unfolding, along the way, a magnificent spectacle featuring: A snake boat race; the world-acclaimed dance-drama, Kathakali; the ancient martial art, kalaripayattu; traditional music; a tug-of-war between men and elephants; as well as a backwater cruise. The journey

starts at Cochin, known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea" where a tusker garlands the visitor with a ceremonial welcome. The elephant march commences from Trichur, the cultural capital of Kerala, in two groups to Tripunprayar/Peechi. The water cruise and snake boat race (16 boats - one for women only) for tourists are at Alleppey, the "Venice of the East". Other programmes on the itinerary are held in the capital of Kerala, Trivandrum, at Kovalam beach, one of the finest beach resorts in the world. Complete itinerary details and other information can be obtained from Government of India Tourist Office, Dubai Tel: 274848 and Bahrain Tel: 715713.

## OIC five begin two day meeting in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Jan 28, (Kuna): A 2-day meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference group of five on security began here today.

The discussion centred on the question of confidence and security building measures among the OIC member states. Representatives from Gambia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kuwait and Pakistan are attending the meeting, its third so far, officials here said.

In a message to the meeting OIC Secretary-General Dr Hamid Al Gabid said the organisation attached high importance to the security of the Islamic world. The message was read out by assistant secretary-general Nabil Talib Maaouf because Dr Gabid could not attend the meeting due to his other pressing official engagements.

It was evident, the OIC chief said, that any exercise in confidence and security building measures among Islamic states could only be meaningful if the OIC itself was strengthened and made really effective. In this connection he emphasised the need for strengthening OIC institutions.

Dr Gabid said that the security concerns of small Islamic states also warranted special attention and added: "We have recently witnessed a variety of threats posed to the security of small states such as Afghanistan, Mozambique and Comoros."

The question of the use of mercenaries against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Islamic states should also be viewed seriously, he said.

He noted that the Organisation of Islamic Conference needed the active involvement and full political and economic support of all member states to be able to fulfil the ideals for which it was established.

### Recommendations

Noting that he had initiated several measures to strengthen the organisation and improve the efficiency of its secretariat, Dr Gabid said these measures could only be implemented if the organisation received the material support of the member states commensurate with their political commitment to its ideals.

He was of the view that time had now come for the group to formulate its recommendations as it would enable him to present a report on this subject to the 19th Islamic conference of foreign ministers scheduled to be held in Cairo in May 1990 and subsequently to the sixth Islamic summit.

Dr Gabid urged the group to bear in mind the need for the adoption of realistic measures. "We must have a pragmatic approach to the intensely intricate and diverse nature of the problems of security," he said.

The OIC secretary general said that the rapidly changing international political environment particularly the tremendous transformations currently in progress in the East-West relations had profound implications for issues of regional security.

Dr Gabid said that the OIC valued deeply the constant support that the government and the people of Pakistan had given to it and for the realisation of the noble goals of Islamic unity and solidarity.



Amir receives UN General Assembly chief

His Highness the Amir today received at his office President of the United Nations General Assembly Joseph Garba of Nigeria on the occasion of his visit to Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al Osaibi, acting Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Faisal Al Saleh Al Muttawa and Kuwait permanent representative to the UN Mohammed Abdul Hassan.

Garba visited a number of Kuwait landmarks and utilities which included Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait National Museum, the House of Islamic Antiquities and the Sada House.

He was accompanied by Kuwaiti envoy to the UN Mohammed Abu Al Hasan and Foreign Ministry's official Abdul Karim Bu Ghait.

Official talks with Kuwaiti leaders are expected to

centre on Afro-Arab co-operation and UN activities. Garba, who was recently appointed minister of state in the Nigerian President's office said upon arrival here last night that discussions will not only cover "furthering working ideas of the UN, but also to explore concrete means by which we can further the cause of Afro-Arab solidarity and co-operation."

His visit to Kuwait comes "not only because of the very important role Kuwait is playing in the UN but also for the tremendous efforts it is making for Afro-Arab co-operation which is increasingly important to our people" he stressed.

The UN official's visit to Kuwait comes in response to an invitation extended by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

His three day visit to Kuwait, is his first to the Middle East area.

## New department to aid EPC

### Pollution control

By Nash'at Al Agha

THE director of the Environmental Protection Department Ibrahim Hadi has said that article four of the decree-law provided for the establishment of a special department at the Public Health Ministry to undertake co-ordination between the various relevant authorities and providing aid to the Environmental Protection Council.

He told Seyassah that the department was established by ministerial decision No. 389/1980 to operate immediately under the instruction of the minister and to undertake control, co-ordination and follow-up tasks. The department comprises two main divisions that of co-ordination and follow-up and the other for training and environmental education, with Environmental Pollution Control Section.

He said that the section comprised three sub-sections for environmental studies for projects, air-pollution control and water and soil pollution control as well as a tobacco analysis lab, work environment and professional health control and an industrial medical centre for the Shuaiba Industrial Area.

### Programmes

He pointed out that the responsibilities assigned to the department as aid to the Environmental Protection Council included following up the implementation of its decisions and recommendations as related to the protection of public health and the environment from the effects of industrial and urban development.

He added that other responsibilities included the formulation of specifications and stipulations that need to be heeded on industrial and urban projects to minimise pollution.

He also said that this was coupled with the consistent co-ordination between all agencies involved to ensure the enforcement of projection of the environment, establishment of the environment monitoring system, laying down training plans for local cadres at all government work sites and development of environmental education programmes.

Meanwhile, the head of the professional health section at the department Dr Rifa' Zaki has said that the section provided health services to staff in various industries and set conditions for physical qualifications to ensure that the worker is fit to shoulder the responsibilities assigned.

Responsibilities  
He added that the responsibilities also included performing medical tests for workers to determine various disability percentages and injuries sustained at work, and laying down the stipulations needed to protect workers from job hazards.

Hadi said that the section contained three labs, one concerned with work physiology, which carried out tests aimed at determining physical fitness of workers, another concerned with work psychology where psychological tests were performed on students nominated for training at the various training centres in the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, and a third concerned with biological analysis and toxicity, where analyses were performed for early detection of health

hazards caused by work environment, which include blood and urine tests.

### Injuries

He added that the section also reviewed reports on disability percentages as sustained in injuries received at work. A total of 1793 cases were reviewed by doctors, which showed that 15 per cent of the cases recovered with no permanent disability, 14 per cent cases where the permanent disability formed less than 50 per cent whereas serious disability constituted 35 per cent.

Hadi pointed out that the highest percentage of cases with high-risk injuries were found in the construction and building sector - 47.9 per cent and the second was the metal work industries, adding that regular and intensive inspection was carried out in these two sectors to ensure that the safety and security codes were heeded and carefully honoured.

The head of the chemical section Youssef Salem Al Zayed said that the section's main functions included the protection of staff operating in the private sector, as well as public servants against work injuries. He said that among the responsibilities assigned by his section was the provision of preventive and security-related facilities at all work sites which included the study of existing work environment and related conditions and this covered vital factors such as ventilation and lighting.

He said that the industrial health has become an independent discipline where all approaches concerned with environmental control were studied to reduce injuries and health hazards on workers at any given workplace.

## Kuwait to send relief to Tunisia

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (Kuna): Kuwait has decided to send urgent relief materials to Tunisia to help it overcome damages recently inflicted by the devastating floods. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said Sunday.

Rashed told reporters that the Cabinet, in its weekly session under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, had followed up with great concern news of the recent heavy rains and subsequent floods in sisterly Tunisia.

The Cabinet had started the meeting with taking note of messages exchanged between HH the Amir and Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali on bilateral relations and means of boosting Arab solidarity in service of the higher Arab interests.

Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad briefed the ministers on the context of discussions with Tunisian Foreign Minister Abdul Hamid Ascheikh during his recent visit to Kuwait which focussed on recent political Arab and world developments.

### Co-ordination

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa detailed the Cabinet members on talks with visiting Soviet minister of geology last week on means on fostering oil co-operation between the two friendly countries.

Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khalid, for his part, presented a report on the extraordinary session of the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development in Baghdad on means of enhancing inter-Arab co-ordination in industrial fields.

The state minister said that the council of ministers reviewed a report by the team work assigned to disengage housing responsibilities that are shared by each of the National Housing Authority and the Credit and Savings Bank (CSB).

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Acting Chairman of the Civil Service Commission explained contents of the report which pinpointed areas of the two parties' overlapping responsibilities in addition to the team work's proposals on how to handle the situation.

He said that the team proposed facilitating procedures of that important service through shortening steps and lessening documents required by the citizens, in co-ordination among concerned authorities. The Cabinet endorsed the report and asked the CSB and the housing authority to inform the team work on steps of implementation.

The cabinet also took note of a number of draft laws on the final accounts of a number of government institutions for fiscal 1988-89 and asked the concerned bodies to adhere to remarks and resolutions by the audit bureau and the finance ministry on certain violations.

### Health conference

ABU DHABI, Jan 28, (Kuna): The 28th conference for the council of health ministers of the Arab Gulf states will be held in Riyadh next February 26, it was announced here today.

The Health Ministry of the United Arab Emirates today received an invitation from the secretariat of the council to take part in the three-day conference.

The council groups the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq and Bahrain.

The conference agenda includes a number of health topics topped by co-operation and co-ordination in dealing with health issues, particularly in the field of child health and the fight against cerebro-spinal meningitis.

## Child assessment centre pushing students ahead

KUWAIT educational authorities pay full concern to child care during the first years of their educational lives. More attention and follow up was exerted in this field in order to develop the abilities of children until they reach higher stages.

The Child Assessment and Education Centre was established to take over the responsibility of taking care of children who may have encountered learning difficulties.

The centre was founded at Al Mamoun Primary School for boys during the academic year 1986-1987. A local daily interviewed the headmaster at the school Sulaiman Al Muta'awa who said that the school administration presents a full report at the year end to give a

picture on the work situation technically and administratively.

The centre provides students with positive services and one of the centre's aims is to give poor students a push towards gaining confidence in themselves in keeping abreast with outstanding students during regular school hours. He indicated that the centre has so far enhanced the educational levels of a large number of students.

The centre supervisor, Abdul Latief Al Whaib indicated that the centre was originally established to upgrade the standard of students who encountered difficulties in their educational process. He added that the centre along with the Shamiya Centre for girls have also served students who suffered weaknesses

in some specific subjects.

He indicated that 170 students benefitted from the centre in both Arabic and mathematics curricula. Whaib pointed out that more students are joining the centre adding that parental co-operation is very vital in enhancing student educational levels.

A number of parents who have admitted their children to the centre stressed that the centre is doing a commendable job with regard to upgrading students comprehension levels. They praised efforts exerted by educational officials and stated that they have noticed real development in their children after attending courses at the centre. They also said that their children have shown a greater willingness to learn.



## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WORDS are the most powerful drug used by mankind  
— Rudyard Kipling, English writer and poet (1865-1936).Kashmiris no longer docile  
Islamic revival  
fuels uprising

SRINAGAR, India, (Reuter): "Paradise on earth has become hell," said Kashmir's leading Muslim cleric, Mirwaiz Moulvi Farooq.

Forty-two years after Jammu and Kashmir became the sole Muslim-majority state to join newly independent India rather than newly created Pakistan, Islamic revolt has transformed the Himalayan valley.

The uprising mystifies Indians in Delhi, who view Kashmiris as a docile people, their faith tempered by years of co-existence with India's majority religion, Hinduism.

Two major forces appear to have propelled Kashmiris onto the streets in defiance of curfews and Indian security forces — Islamic fundamentalism sweeping the region and disillusionment with widespread official corruption.

India's Moghul kings called Kashmir paradise. Last week, more than 60 people were shot dead in the land that has become a battleground for supremacy between Indian troops and militants demanding independence or secession to neighbouring Pakistan.

## Toll

Most Kashmiris believe the death toll is 500 or higher. Senior Indian defence sources say the state, bordering China as well as Pakistan, is too strategically important to allow concessions to the militants.

On Saturday, India announced a diplomatic offensive against Pakistan, which has fought two wars with India over Kashmir and now controls a third of the territory.

Pakistan denies the Indian charges it backs the revolt. Politicians in the Pakistan-ruled sector of Kashmir, however, do not conceal their readiness to help the militants.

Thousands of Kashmiris marched through Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-ruled Azad (free) Kashmir, calling for an Islamic holy war against India on Friday.

The New Delhi-appointed state governor Jagmohan has promised a just administration, an independent inquiry into corruption, more schools and year-round jobs to deal with high unemployment among the increasingly militant youth.

## Create

"As far as I can see, the government's plan is to create the peace of the graveyard. But I doubt they can do it. People seem very determined to fight," one Kashmiri politician said.

Politicians, sidelined by the swing in sentiment, said the valley's youth have been galvanised partly by the Islamic fundamentalism revival that has swept from Iran to Afghanistan and neighbouring Pakistan.

Last March, Srinagar youths enraged by "The Satanic Verses," the novel by Indian-born Salman Rushdie that Iran denounced as blasphemous, fought pitched battles with police. Allah's Tigers, a group that claims allegiance to Afghan guerrilla leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, has closed all Kashmiri liquor shops, bars, cinemas and beauty parlours and told hotels to show only Pakistani movies on their video channels.

Many Indian politicians admit public opinion was alienated by rigged state elections in 1987 and by overt corruption under the coalition administration that won.

The National Conference, which had ruled for more than a decade, allied in the 1987 polls with the Congress Party of then Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.

## Defeat

Large-scale rigging ensured the defeat of the opposition Muslim United Front (MUF). Abdul Ghani Loane, once allied to the National Conference, sees this as the turning point.

Many of the MUF's young polling agents crossed the border to Pakistan and returned as members of one of 20 or more militant groups now whipping up anti-Indian emotions, he said.

The state has long been under dispute. When India and Pakistan won independence from Britain in 1947, they promptly went to war over Kashmir. The state's ruling Hindu prince opted for India.

Since then the United Nations solution has been a plebiscite on the state's future. Indian policy is that this was superseded in 1972 by an Indo-Pakistan accord in which the two contenders agreed to settle the issue by negotiation.

Discontent has plenty of fuel — notably the poverty of seasonal unemployment in an economy run on apple orchards, embroidered shawls and lake-moored tourist houseboats.

Until two years ago, Kashmiris appeared loath to frighten away the tourists, whose foreign exchange underpins 60 per cent of the local economy.

Now even a taxi-driver said of Jagmohan: "He talks about roads and buildings and tourism. But that is not the issue. The issue is independence."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1676 — Theodore III becomes tsar of Russia on death of his father Alexis.

1801 — France and Spain issue ultimatum to Portugal to break allegiance to Britain.

1869 — Crown Prince Archduke Rudolf of Austria-Hungary kills his mistress and himself at hunting lodge in Mayerling.

1916 — Germans stage first Zeppelin raid on Paris, France, in World War I.

1919 — Czechoslovak forces defeat Poles at Galicia, Poland.

1947 — United States abandons its mediation role in China.

1949 — Britain grants de facto recognition to new state of Israel.

1950 — First series of riots occur in Johannesburg, provoked by South Africa's racial policy.

1963 — Britain is refused entry into European Common Market by France's veto.

1964 — Panama complains to Organisation of American States (OAS) about alleged US aggression.

1969 — Iran charges that Israeli troops are preparing to attack Iraq, but Israel denies it.

1973 — United States, Soviet Union and 17 other nations agree to meet in Vienna to try reaching accord on cutting strength of armed forces in Europe.

1976 — Soviet Union makes it known that it is willing to accept political settlement in strife-torn Angola.

1988 — Four seamen are reported killed in two Iraqi air attacks on shipping along Iran's Gulf coast.

1989 — Syrian and Iranian foreign ministers reach agreement on peace formula to end fighting between their Shiite surrogates in Lebanon.

Swiss banking laws the main catch  
Dictator's fortune hard to get

ZURICH, (Reuter): Romanians took just a matter of days to topple a dictatorship which had oppressed them for 24 years, but years could pass before they get their hands on the loot they say Nicolae Ceausescu stowed away in Switzerland.

A wall of banking secrecy and a labyrinth of cantonal courts stand between Romania and the \$400 million the country's executed leader was alleged to have hidden here.

The law caters for banking secrecy first, Swiss federalism second and only then are the prescriptions of legal assistance taken into account, Member of Parliament Sergio Salvioni complained recently in the daily newspaper Tages Anzeiger.

Switzerland has long been under pressure to reform its image as a vault for the fortunes of dictators. With dictatorships currently collapsing around the world, the pressure is building.

The government has said it will accelerate assistance to countries trying to track down funds so the procedure could be completed in less than a year.

But a preliminary report on how to cut red tape will not be ready before the end of 1990 and it may be years before any new legislation takes effect.

Moreover, government efforts to draw aside the veil of banking secrecy have met resistance from the banks themselves.

Speaking at a recent Swiss bankers association meeting, delegate Jean-Paul Chapuis charged that precisely these efforts to dispel Switzerland's murky image were undermining the country's reputation as a law-abiding nation.

## Legal

He said current legal assistance laws sufficed and acceleration could infringe on customers' rights.

Nearly four years after the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines, abandoning details of his bank accounts in his palace bedroom, lawyers are still battling over the assets he is alleged to have stolen and hidden in Switzerland.

Swiss authorities have uncovered at least \$455 million and newspapers estimate the figure may be as high as \$1.5 billion but so far Manila has retrieved only \$2.13 million.

Marcos died in September but his wife Imelda remains accused of looting \$103 million from the Philippine Treasury and defrauding US banks of \$165 million together with her husband.

"At the heart of the problem is the piecemeal way

we have had to work through the maze of cantonal courts. At every stage, the Marcoses employed an army of lawyers to defend their fortune," Moritz Leuenberger, Member of Parliament and lawyer representing the Philippines, told Reuters.

Because the Philippines has no formal legal assistance treaty with Switzerland the government is leaving the case to local authorities, and Marcos' lawyers are able to launch separate appeals in every canton where accounts are held.

Despite the tiny sum repatriated, Leuenberger says the Marcos case is the most successful attempt to date to prise open the Swiss accounts of a deposed leader.

It is unclear how much money Haiti's Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier put in Switzerland before his administration was overthrown in 1986.

But four years of legal efforts have succeeded only in blocking accounts and repatriating documents. So far Haiti has not received \$1.

Investigators from Tehran on the trail of the Shah's fortune after the 1979 Iranian revolution fared even worse: the Swiss government barred their access to the Shah's accounts.

The International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Affairs law (Imac), which Switzerland adopted in 1983, allows banking secrecy to be lifted if a foreign government pursuing a criminal case makes a request to Bern for co-operation.

Critics say this and subsequent laws are now inadequate.

"Clearly the legal assistance laws need revision. They were not devised to deal with problems on the scale of Marcos," Leuenberger said.

But the Justice Department rejects the view that Switzerland is too plodding in dealing with suspect funds.

"It's true our legal assistance laws are relatively new and every law has shortcomings. We realise excessive use is sometimes made of the appeal system and that acceleration is necessary," spokesman Joerg Kistler said.

"However, it is not necessarily speed but efficiency that counts and efficiency is judged by results."

He noted Switzerland swiftly ordered a freeze on any Marcos and Ceausescu accounts: "once money is frozen, it's safe."

But funds may stay frozen for years and may never be repatriated. Sometimes they are never located.

Finding the funds is half the battle. Neither the Ceausescus nor the Marcoses walked into a Swiss bank and asked to open an ordinary account in the family name.

Instead they may have deposited cash behind front companies or disguised their accounts as charitable donations.

Leuenberger estimates the Ceausescus hid \$400 million worth of gold in Zurich before they were overthrown and executed in December's popular uprising.

So far investigators have discovered no trace, although an unofficial Swiss delegation returning from Romania named two companies that may have acted as fronts to conceal funds.

"We know the bear is in these woods. We just do not know under which tree he is hiding," Cornelius Koch, who headed the eight-member panel, told a news conference.

Another hindrance to repatriation is Switzerland's "dual criminality" test, requiring cases under investigation to constitute a crime in Switzerland as well as in the country seeking assistance.

Tax avoidance, for instance, is considered only a "gentleman's crime" here, so it does not merit legal assistance.

Money laundering is only illegal if the funds are ploughed back into buying drugs, although a bill totally outlawing the practice has passed through the lower house of Parliament and should be approved in the upper house soon.

One example of Switzerland's thorough adherence to the letter of its laws, so irritating to foreign investigators, is the case of deposed Panamanian leader General Manuel Noriega.

The Swiss government asked banks to block any Noriega accounts before the general had even surrendered to US troops in December, but it politely informed US authorities that their requests for assistance could not be formally accepted until they were submitted in French or German.

English is not an official language in Bern. Noriega, who currently faces drug charges in the US, is alleged to have put funds in Swiss accounts.

Banks have not said how much money, if any, he holds here.

## Immigrants swell occupied areas

ARIEL, West Bank, (Reuter): Kira Nefedov arrived in Israel from Leningrad earlier this month.

Like most immigrants from the Soviet Union she is oblivious to the political storm around their settling in the West Bank and to a bloody Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation that has raged on Ariel's doorstep.

Gazing over rocky hills toward the neighbouring Arab village of Kifl Harith she looks puzzled when asked how she feels about living in a settlement in the heart of the Israeli-occupied area.

"It's very nice here. People in Ariel are very friendly and many of them speak Russian. Politics? I left politics behind in the Soviet Union," said Nefedov, 36, a chemistry teacher now seeking work as a chemical researcher.

## Disclaimers

Despite Israeli government disclaimers, Soviet Jews are steadily trickling into West Bank Jewish settlements, alarming Palestinians and angering the United States.

In this hilltop settler town north of occupied Jerusalem, some 100 immigrants from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have arrived in the past three months, more than in the preceding two years.

The settlers, starting to get organised and I imagine we will see a sharp increase in the number of Soviet immigrants joining them," Pinhas Mendelson, head of a private consulting firm helping the immigrants, told Reuters.

He predicted that all Ariel's empty housing would soon be filled by Soviet Jews and said the settlement of Maaleh Adumim, East of Jerusalem, was taking in 30 immigrants a month.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir ignited US and Arab anger this month by saying a "big Israel" including the occupied territories was needed to accommodate an expected mass wave of Soviet immigration.

## Remarks

Officials tried to play down his remarks, citing statistics showing the number of Soviet Jews who settled in the occupied areas last year was only a fraction of total immigration.

But even a small percentage of the 50,000 to 100,000 Soviet Jews expected this year would give a major boost to the 70,000 settlers living among 1.7 million Palestinians.

The US State Department criticised Shamir's remarks as unhelpful to Middle East peace and warned against increasing settlement in the occupied areas.

Local Palestinian leaders appealed to Western governments in an anguished memorandum to prevent Israel from settling Soviet immigrants in what was left of the Palestinian homeland.

Many of the newcomers seem unaware of the controversy or indeed of any difference in status between Israel and the occupied territories. Their main concern is to find a quiet life, decent housing and jobs.

Most arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport with no clear idea of where they want to live.

Airport officials say they try to bar settlement activists from recruiting the usually bewildered new arrivals but several immigrants said they were

approached at the airport.

Others said settlement recruiters made contact at government hostels in Tel Aviv.

Some of the best known former Soviet Jews have moved to West Bank settlements, a potential magnet for compatriots.

Former dissident Yosef Begun is one of 30 Soviet emigres living in Kiryat Arba, an ultra-nationalist settlement on the edge of the Arab West Bank town of Hebron. His wife is active in trying to attract new immigrants to join them.

Another well-known former prisoner of Zion,

Yuli Edelstein, lives in the settlement of Allon Shvut, south of Jerusalem.

Ariel mayor Ron Nachman, a member of Shamir's rightist Likud Party, denies using immigrants for political ends, but he says they undermine Labour Party arguments that Jews would end up as a minority in an Israel that included the territories.

The current wave of immigration from the Soviet Union changes all the demographic theses in Israel today. It changes all the theories about political solutions," he said.



RETREAT FROM MOSCOW

## Art Buchwald

## New Yorkers talk to themselves

TOMBROKAW had to apologize to New York City for knocking the town during the news broadcast. I am going to talk about New York today, but I have no intention of following his example. The reason for this is that New Yorkers never offer me an apology, so why should I apologize to them?

Here are some random notes about the Big Apple which I jotted down on my last trip:

The first thing a visitor notices is that all the people on the street are talking to themselves. The assumption is that they are mentally disturbed. This is not the case. The people talking to themselves are the sane ones — it's the New Yorkers who talk to each other who are crazy.

## Potholes

New York City has won the Nobel Prize for potholes. What makes the potholes so special is that they are not only in the streets but also on the sidewalks. In New York a person has twice as much chance of breaking an ankle than he has when he's riding in a bus.

It is not generally known but each New Yorker averages eight fights a day with total strangers. The fights are mostly verbal and only in rare cases do they become physical. When he returns home at night the

family is waiting to find out how many he won. This is how it goes:

"So, dad, how did you do with the fight today?"

"I won five and lost three."

"Not bad for an old man."

"Who are you calling an old man? Show me another New Yorker over 50 who can still win 'The Big One' in the subway."

"Who did you beat, Dad?"

"I went up against a cab driver who drove right through a puddle and splashed water all over my pants."

"Did you give him a piece of your mind?"

"No, he sped off. Another cab came along and had to stop for a red light, so I yelled at him instead. You should have seen the look on his face."

"Bully for you, Dad."

## Telephone

"Later on I was waiting to make a telephone call at a public phone box on Broadway. I stood for 10 minutes while some guy made obscene telephone calls to his ex-wife."

"He hung up, and I was about to take the receiver when this little old lady pushed me aside and grabbed the phone. Being a New Yorker, I said, as polite as

can be, "I think I was waiting longer, shorty." Do you know what she did? She gave me the finger."

"A little old lady did that to you at a public phone booth?"

"They'll do it any where they can. So, I lost that one. Next, I went into a big department store to buy a pair of socks. The guy at the sock counter was nibbling on the neck of the girl selling cologne."

"Please," I said, "all I want are some socks." The girl sprayed cologne into the salesman's ear. I got impatient and shouted, "I want socks." The guy didn't move, but the store detective came over, shoved his chest against mine and said, "Can't you see the man is on his lunch hour?"

## Customer

"Fifteen years ago you would have won that one, pop. Salespeople can smell when a customer is over the hill and doesn't have any fight left in him any more."

"My greatest victory came after I saw a mugging this afternoon, 10 feet away from me."

"Why was it such a triumph?"

"The mugger got away so no one asked me to be a witness."

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## Letters to the editor

## Try homoeopathy

SIR: If we honestly analyse the coverage of Arab Times we can conclusively judge that this is one of the very few dailies in which every reader will easily find the coverage of his or her interest. It proves that Arab Times covers each and every aspect of life. I am one of its thousands of regular readers. I am interested in going through each and every news but in particular medical coverage.

It's almost a decade since sensational news items regarding AIDS surfaced. All the big and small newspapers, weeklies and journals are covering this hazardous disease, its causes, research developments, new drugs, remedies and side-effects etc.

Today when going through Arab Times pages I read "Researcher expects success against AIDS in 90s". I immediately decided to write to Arab Times on this particular aspect.

Various remedies and causes of the disease given by experts are contradictory.

I wish to conclude about the causes of this disease.

"The only cause of AIDS is the side-effects of heroin, LSD and all sorts of addictions."

In my opinion all the factors which are named are baseless, because from the day human society existed the sexual activities were same and still no change. In ancient societies, the people were having free sex, people were hetero-sexual but there was no AIDS. It proves that AIDS is caused by different narcotics and not by different sexual modes.

"If any system can reduce the side-effects of different drugs, the AIDS menace will be over."

There is only one system of the world which can successfully eradicate the side-effects of different drugs and that is "homoeopathic system of medicine."

Since homoeopathic system of medicine can easily treat other hazardous diseases like the various cancers, TB, syphilis, asthma, arthritis, gout, diabetes, various heart problems — it can also cure AIDS.

WHO must introduce inter-disciplinary researches and should collaborate with homoeopaths to get this problem solved forever.

The Kuwaiti government should take an initiative and start homoeopathic system of medicine just as herbal medical system is being started.

I am confident that the minister of health will consider my request and take the necessary steps.

There is no doubt that Arab Times can play a significant role in the compilation of this project, which will definitely be beneficial to all people.

Syed Mohd Arif,

Safat.

## Be objective

SIR: I am sorry to write that your newspaper have either hatred for Pakistan or your news-editor does not like to give any good news about Pakistan.

I have been reading your newspaper for the last 5 years and am very sorry to note that you are either giving bad news or no news about Pakistan. I asked myself why and am unable to understand your paper's attitude.

In the time of late Gen Zia-ul-Haq you were crying that there was no democracy in Pakistan and that all was going wrong. Now Pakistan has elected government, and has prime minister of your choice, still you have got the same attitude, same hatred.

I don't understand why. It is impossible that nothing good is happening in this unfortunate country. It is impossible that there is no good news on your teleprinters!

When you stopped printing "Urdu pages" I felt very happy, because I stopped reading "abuses" and bad news about Pakistan. I was thinking that because English is an international language you will surely respect international standard of press briefing, but very sorry to note that still you don't like to change your attitude!

What has Pakistan done very strange that you hate it in this manner!!!

As journalists, Arab and Muslims you have to print correct, good and bad news, don't see the dark side only.

Everybody in the Muslim world knows the cause and root of the Kashmir problem. You are describing freedom fighters or Kashmiri Muslims as common criminals and are using very insulting words for them — why? Kashmiris are asking for their fundamental rights as Palestinians are asking. If the intention of Palestinians is to fight for liberation then why is the Kashmiris fight for liberation not intified?

Both are fighting for their land against occupation. Why the discrimination? Is it because they are not Arabs.

I read Arab Times and will continue to read it, though I know that Arab Times is doing injustice to my country. I am sure whatever you are doing is for personal benefit, and not for the sake of journalism. True journalism is for USA and Europe, not for the Middle East.

You are siding with India, Philippines — that's your job, but in the name of journalism, please be true journalists.

I hope you will print my letter (if you have the courage).

Abdel Majeed Ismail,

Cairo, Egypt.

ALL Letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.

## Quote me

"While often disturbing and sometimes alarmingly graphic, begging is unmistakably informative and persuasive. The simple request for money... cannot but remind the passer-by that people in the city live in poverty and often lack the essentials for survival." — A US judge ruling that begging is a form of freedom of speech.

"This meeting is to address the possibilities of a return to Europe but also it will have to decide what kind of Europe we want to go back to." — Václav Havel, Czech president.

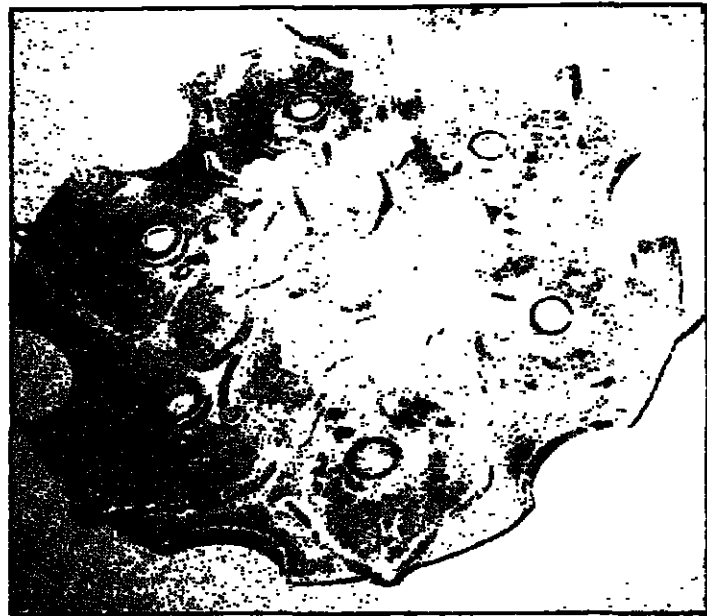
"Israel looks to world Jewry and especially American Jewry to provide at least \$200 million and that figure is likely to go up. They're looking as well to Congress to provide money. The fact they're not going to get money if they're going to suggest settling them in the West Bank." — A US official.

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## Iraqi ceramics exhibition

DR RASHA AL SABAH opened an exhibition for Iraqi ceramics works which was held at the Chivalry Club starting Jan 12 until Jan 26, 1990. The exhibition was then transferred to Kuwait International Hall where it will continue until Feb 5, 1990. This extension is due to the large response witnessed by the public.

The exhibition included a large number of ceramic works accessories, vases, palm trees, mosques and complete paintings on Islamic art works at different ages.

All pieces on display have been chosen carefully from the best Iraqi ceramic types and are formed from old Iraqi heritage made by a group of the best Iraqi artists and ceramic workers. The art pieces belong to more than 50 artists.

The currently displayed ceramic works differ from the art of making flowers, from ceramic, which is highly common among housewives and ladies.

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
Arabic film  
Sahiyah  
Hall Booked

Al Hamra  
Nowhere to Hide  
Drive In  
Cocktail

Al Firdous  
Big Business  
Fahad  
Moon Trap

Al Jahra  
Ninja Hunt  
Granada  
Hall Booked

Sulabikhat  
Imperial Navy  
Jeeb  
Daku O Darwesh  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
The Lost Platoon

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Ajeel Pharmacy  
Palestine street  
Al Hakeem Pharmacy  
Jaber Al  
Mubarak street

Hawalli and Nagra  
Kuwait Pharmacy  
Quotaiba street

Salmiya and Rumailiya  
Qortuba Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak street

Fahad and Ahmadi  
Al Ahmedi Pharmacy  
Al Ahmedi

Al Farwaniya  
Al Tawon Pharmacy  
The Main street

Al Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
New souk

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.18 am
Zohr	12.01
Asr	3.02 pm
Maghreb	5.23
Isha	6.43



## Japan film festival

Today's film is the *Seven Samurai*, directed by Akira Kurosawa (1954). The film is subtitled in Arabic and will be screened at 7.30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Auditorium. The picture shows a scene from one of the traditional dances to be presented in the 'Japan 1990' opening ceremony on February 2.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Seminar

THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art in The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration may be made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

**Tribal Rugs & Oriental Prints**  
THE Sultan Gallery extended their Tribal Rugs and Oriental Prints exhibition until Jan 31. The gallery is open from 9.30 am to 12.30 noon and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information contact: 2421951.

### SOCIAL

**Hobby centre**  
A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making. For more details call: Telephone: 5618847 or 5317354.

**NRI Forum lecture on Taxation and Investments**  
NRI Investors Forum is holding a lecture session at Indian Embassy on Tuesday, the 30th January at 7.30 pm. The meeting would be addressed by a visiting expert from India. All Indians are welcome.

**Daniella Fastelahn**  
Daniella celebrates "Fastelahn" for Danes at Gazelle Club on Friday, Feb 16, at 1 pm. For reservations please call Marianne — Tel: 3710215 ext 29 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Feb 13.

### Konkani drama

THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Sonsarant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaites) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menino de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

### Samarpan discussion

SAMARPAN presents Rajesh Dhruv, an expert on investment and taxation from Gujarat, who will address the Gujarati-speaking community, in Gujarati language, on Monday, Jan 29, at 9 pm at the Indian Embassy Hall. All Gujarati-speakers are welcome.

**Saz aur Aawaz**  
SAAZ aur Aawaz which is one of the leading Indian musical groups with complete orchestra presents their fourth musical programme entitled "Bhule Bisre Geet" covering hit songs of yesteryears at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites on Friday, Feb 2, 1990 at 6 pm. There will also be lucky draw prizes. For Passes call 3985456/3610224/5638026 after 4 pm.

**II Annual one act Play Competition**  
INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held during Eid holidays in April, 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play (1st, 2nd & 3rd), Best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaites. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

**Ladies International League**  
YOU are invited to attend the next general meeting on Monday, February 5, Sheraton Ballroom A. Our programme will be presented by Claude Maxime. Everyone welcome! Doors open 6 pm, programme begins at 7 pm promptly! Door charge.

**Caledonian Society**  
The Annual Burns Night Supper will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Thursday, February 1st. For further information and ticket reservation phone: 5335082, 5332235 or 3727691 ext. 253.

### Carnival Fiesta '90

YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messilah Beach Hotel (Habiba) on Feb 22, '90.

Non-stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of latest sensation "Hurricane Alley" and "Neighbour". Highlights: Best Carnival couple (fancy) and many more surprises. For details contact the organisers on Tel. 2450279 (between 8 am to 1 pm) or Tel. 3921712.

**The Carnival Nite (By the Entertainers)**

IN the arena of entertainment "The Entertainers" welcomes all to witness their Carnival Nite at the Ramada Salam Hotel's (Le Mirage Ballroom) on the 22nd February (Thursday) 1990 commencing from 9.00 pm onwards.

Special highlights will be: Parade by King Momo. Crowning of Carnival Queen by King Momo. Samba dance competition and group prizes, and many more to be announced.

Music will be specially created for this occasion to be performed by "Top Ranks" & "Perfect Strangers" be there as its "Viva la Carnival."

**Soviet Ballet**  
STARS of the Soviet Ballet, featuring the Russian Ballet Company of Moscow will be touring Kuwait on February 2 and 3. They will perform 130 minute shows at Al Andalus Cinema, Hawalli. On Friday, Feb 2, the show will start at 6.00 pm. On Saturday, Feb 3, it will start at 8.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale starting Thursday 10.00 am to 8.00 pm, Friday throughout the day and during the following week at the box office.

**Ladies International League**  
LIL newcomers coffee morning will be held on Monday 29 January from 10 am to 12 noon at the Sheraton Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait and LIL are most welcome. For more information call Ann on 5316905.

**Like a Hurricane!!**  
SEVENTH Sky's Rock Concert at Al Andalus Cinema on 15th & 16th Feb '90. Featuring Rock, Pop/Rock and Rock 'n' Roll from the 80's. For information and reservation call 5730265/2543219.

**Raga Sharq**  
INTENSIVE courses (January and February) in Raga Sharq, the classical dance form of the Middle East. For details call 4836021.

**Spring festival**  
Bengali Cultural Society is organising a "Spring Festival" at the Mousetrap Theatre, Jahra on Thursday, 1st February 1990. Parents are requested to bring their children, who are participating in various competitions, at 7 pm sharp.

**Kalpak's Drama Competition**  
KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is conducting a Malayalam One Act Play Competition at Indian Arts Circle on 9th February 1990.

### SPORTS

#### Ahmadi kart racing

THE next race meeting will be on 22nd February but if you want to try out the rentakart, the track is open all day on Friday. If you're interested in racing or just interested enough to get involved in some other way, come down and chat to us. From the Ahmadi turn off from the motorway, turn left at the water tower lights and we are on the left, before the petrol station.

**Now at the MBH Sports Centre**  
Life saving course, with Royal Life Saving Society Coach, Grade I Examiner will be commencing shortly.

Ergocycle Fitness Computer tests and courses now available at Messilah.

Jazzercise/Aerobics/Staying power/Yoga and Ballet exercise classes also available.

#### Tivim Centre

"TIVIM Centre is pleased to announce their 3rd Annual 9-a-side Inter Village Football Tournament which will be held on the Sour grounds, Kuwait City, beginning March 27/28th 1990. For further information please contact organisers — 2441860 Casimiro."

#### Ballet

STEPS Ballet School commences its new term. Jan 1990 registration is now open. Sat-Wed in the Kuwait English School, Salwa from 3-7 pm. Call 5386481 between 9-12 noon for more information. (For girls only 4-15 years).

#### Shutts Cup

KUWAIT Cricket League is organising a cricket match between the teams of Indian and Pakistani veterans living in Kuwait, at K.C.L. ground on 2nd February 1990. The match will start at 9 am.

Kuwait Cricket takes this opportunity and announce that a lucky draw will be held with at least fifty prizes which includes colour TV, VCR, sewing machine, watches, cameras and many more household items are waiting for the winners.

All are cordially invited. For further information please call, tel. 5332052 S. Rizvi.

**Daniella Tennis 1990**

Daniella organises again this year a tennis tournament for Danes. You can participate in ladies singles, men's singles and "social doubles". All Danish tennis players are welcome. Both beginners and more experienced. For further details and registration please call Carsten — 2402698 (office) or 3710215 ext. 27 (private) before Friday, Feb 2.

### HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre**  
SWIMMING lessons available for all ages. Open to non-members. Mon-Tues-Wed 3:30 to 5:30. Beginners-improvers-adults mixed keep fit classes, Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1:00 and 1-2:00, Sat 5-6:00. Ladies keep fit, Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 and Sun 5:30-6:30. Martial arts w/black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6, Taek-

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### TELEVISION PROGRAMME

#### KTV 1

**THE MORNING PERIOD**  
9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Kher News  
9.50 Cartoon Serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.30 Ghoraba Fi Al Madeena: Arabic serial (part 3)  
11.45 From My Kitchen: Local programme  
12.05 Al Malqoof: Local serial (part 4) starring Abdul Hussain Abdul Redha, Mohammed Jaber, Abdulla Khraibit.

12.30 News Summary  
12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

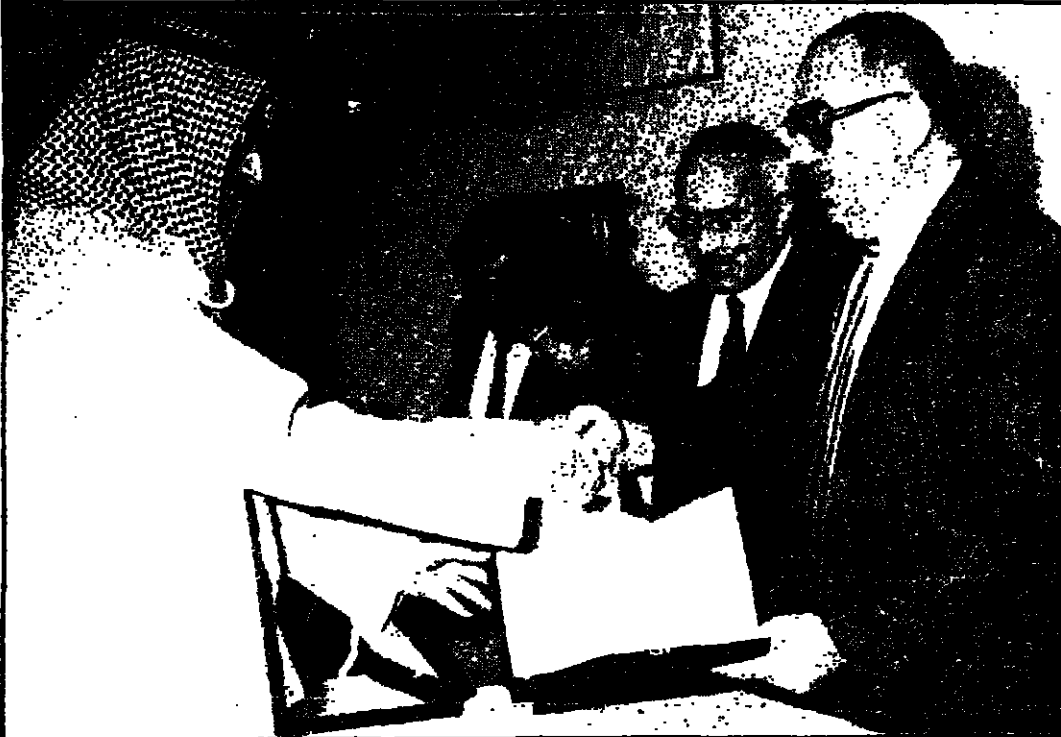
#### THE EVENING PERIOD

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran  
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
4.45 Bercen: Cartoon serial (final part)  
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children: Local children serial, prepared by Samiya, Mohammed and presented by Mama Anisa.  
5.45 Night chemists, Airlines and official advertisements.  
6.00 Al Fareso Al Aasheq: Historical serial (part 9)  
7.00 Varieties  
7.15 Holy Quran and Science: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim.  
8.00 Cultural programme  
8.30 Good Evening and local news  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Onsiyat Al Ethneen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjes  
10.15 Al Laaboon Fi Al Nar: Arabic serial (part 7)  
11.15 Al Mawed: Variety Programme (part 4), prepared and presented by Tawfeeq Khalaq, with guest

star Athar Al Hakeem  
12.25 News summary  
12.30 The World Today via Satellite  
12.45 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 Winnie the Pooh. A cartoon series for children  
6.30 Wild South. "Up with the Birds". A volcanic island emerges in the Pacific. It became a refuge for birds...  
7.00 Rowing Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news.  
7.30 Trap. "Quasimodo". Christine and Phil work in a haunted stage where it is believed that Asmirelda was murdered thirty years ago...  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Around the World. A variety of topics and events from all over the world.  
9.00 Tour of Duty. "Non-essential Personnel". McKay is interrogated when he refuses to land a chopper full of wounded G.I.s... A former lover of Jennifer's arrives and Zeke worries about losing her... Taylor and Purcell liberate some statues that have been looted from the Vietnames.  
10.00 Homeroom. "Food For Thought". Darryl can't resist showing off to his brother, Antony who is videotaping Darryl as a teacher in action. Donald gets a whole new perspective on food thanks to the cafeteria supervisor.  
10.30 Colourised Movie. "Black Beauty". Starring Mona Freeman, Richard Denning. In Victorian England, a girl searches for her lost colt.  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite



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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## US drilling capacity to jump 9 pc, says study

HOUSTON, Jan. 28, (UPI): The energy industry will drill 33,498 wells nationwide this year, marking the first time since 1983 that drilling activity in the United States has increased, World Oil magazine forecast yesterday.

"After five consecutive years in which US drilling declined, it now appears conditions are right for a reversal of that trend," said Bob Scott, editorial director for World Oil.

The 33,498 wells would be a 9 per cent increase over the 30,697 drilled in 1989. The forecast includes the drilling of 1,080 Gulf of Mexico wells, up 12.3 per cent compared with last year's total.

Based upon an annual survey of 24 major and 200 independent operators, the magazine's editors expect an average US rig count of 885, up from an average of 870 rigs from 1989.

More wildcat wells also are planned with majors anticipating 894 in 1990, compared with 705 in 1989 and independents planning 803, up from 579 last year.

Operator confidence in stable oil prices and increased natural gas prices prompted the positive forecast.

"Many operators held the perception that there was the possibility that prices could erode. This year, we think that perception has changed for two primary reasons," said Russell Wright, World Oil editor.

The magazine forecast nearly an 8 per cent increase in drilling outside the United States and Russia in 1990, totaling 22,263 wells, compared with 20,626 wells completed in the same regions last year.

"World oil demand has continued to expand in spite of all the experts' predictions, and Opec finally hammered out a production agreement last November that looks like its going to hold," Wright said.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to raise production ceilings from 20 million barrels per day to 22 million barrels per day for the first half of 1990.

In the worst-case scenario in which Opec's pricing producers do not cut back, prices could fall by up to \$3 per barrel during the second quarter, resulting in a US price of about \$18-19, which is still sufficient to drive oil prices.

"If, however, Opec is able to maintain discipline, we can see West Texas Intermediate prices holding at around \$22 for the year," he said of the benchmark US price.

## KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Jan. 28, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dollar interbank deposit rates remained steady in a very thin market today, with demand slack due to the European weekend.

Dealers reported business only in the overnight, which was well-offered at eight per cent after initial deals at 8-7/16.

The rest of the short-dates were quoted little changed at 8-1/2, 3/8 per cent.

Fixed period rates were also steady, with the one-month put at 8-1/2, 1/4, three and six-months at 8-9/16, 5/16 and the one-year at 8-5/8, 3/8.

The Central Bank left its dollar exchange rate unchanged at 0.29028/38 to the dollar.

Meanwhile, Saudi rial interbank deposit rates were steady in a typically dull Sunday market.

## Qatar trying to decide how to get rich quickest

DOHA, Jan. 28, (Reuters): Sitting on top of the world's biggest natural gas field, the sparsely populated Gulf emirate of Qatar is trying to decide how to get rich quickest.

The huge gas field stretching out under the shallow waters of the Gulf towards Iran should power and bankroll the emirate into the next century.

But decisions on what industries to set and when and where to sell the gas are proving troublesome for Qatar's policy-makers.

"The decisions... in the coming six months will effect Qatar for the next 20 to 30 years," one financial analyst said.

Among projects being considered are expanding a fertilizer manufacturing complex, building an ethylene and polythene plant, setting up a ferro-alloy complex and establishing an aluminium smelter.

After four years of recession, higher oil prices — oil brings in 90 per cent of the emirate's income — and the development of the North Field hold the promise of better times.

Bankers estimate Qatar's oil earnings at around \$2 billion last year, nearly a third higher than estimated.

Despite the recession, development of Qatar's infrastructure has continued apace — albeit some of it at the expense of local contractors — and private housing complexes have mushroomed around Doha where most of the 300,000 population live.

Modern roads and flyovers snake around the capital's marble and glass skyscrapers in stark contrast to the barren deserts which sweep across the rest of the country.

The gas field represents money in the bank for Qatar but oil industry executives in Doha fear delays of decision-making could set back the country's development.

"There are so many projects waiting in the pipeline to be decided and the gas will be here next year," a bank executive in Doha said.

"If we miss the boat now, it will take years to reach the same point," one oil industry analyst said.

Financial analysts and bankers in Qatar believe the emirate's new cabinet, formed last year, will have a more pragmatic approach to the pressing economic decision-making than the old guard it replaced.

Qatar was in deficit for four years after the oil price collapse in 1986. Due to strict government expenditure control and cuts in project spending, the actual gap was small, bankers said.

The emirate's 1989/90 budget, which runs from April to March had a 5.6 billion riyal (\$1.5 billion) deficit, compared to 6.1 billion riyals (\$1.67 billion) the year before.

One controversial method of controlling spending was delaying payments to local contractors for up to a year — financial sources said this helped to slow the economy and prevented high inflation.

But increasing oil revenues and government borrowing now meant Qatar would be able to reduce the deferred payment period to three months and eventually lift it completely.

Although no official figures are published, bankers estimate the total amount owed to contractors at around one billion riyals (\$276 million).

Officials are already trading with Japanese customers eager to buy substantial quantities of the 380 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the North Field.

Neighbouring Gulf states too want to buy the Qatari gas.

### Exploration drive planned

## Saudis to export gold and silver

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Jan. 28, (AP): Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil exporter and possessing a quarter of global oil reserves, will soon start exporting gold, silver and other precious metals, officials said today.

The exports will be from the Sukhaybarat mine which lies 300 kilometres (187 miles) east of the Muslim holy city of Medina on the Red Sea, and are scheduled to start early 1991 at a rate of 1,500 kilos (3,300 pounds) a year.

The Saudi Company for Precious Metals, a 50-50 Saudi-Swedish joint venture running the project with a capital of 103 million riyals (\$25 million), disclosed the export plans as it invited tenders for the setup of a 4-megawatt-capacity power plant as part of the needed utilities. Feb 3 is the deadline for bids.

The gold will be shipped overseas by air to be sold on the basis of competitive bids to refineries in Europe and the Far East, company officials said.

The kingdom claims an ancient gold mining area running in a crescent-shaped seam on its western coast, with some saying it was once King Solomon's legendary mines. From time to time it tried to revive the plan, but a serious effort began only in 1983.

The first modern gold mine is at Mahd Ad-Dahab area, south-west of Medina, estimated to have reserves of 1.1 million tons of gold ore. Sukhaybarat has reserves of approximately 8.4 million tons of ore, giving the project a life span of 13 years, according to company statistics.

SCPM says a number of interesting prospects have been identified in the vicinity of Mahd Ad-Dahab and that exploration work is already planned for assessing their potential.

SCPM was set up in 1988 by the General Petroleum and Mineral Organisation, or Petromin, and Boliden of Sweden mainly to exploit gold and other metals at the Sukhaybarat area. Boliden, a member of Trilaborg Group, has developed and operated about 50 mines in Sweden and other countries since it was established in 1925.

But the Sukhaybarat project dates back to 1983 when Petromin and Boliden together began exploration work which proved that gold was available in commercial quantities.

The exploratory drilling revealed that gold ore not only occurred in the previously mined Quartz Veins but also in Granodiorite intrusions associated with them.

Some recent voter surveys have shown the LDP gaining popularity, while support for the JSP, the major opposition party, appears to be on the wane.

"An LDP win (by 360 seats) won't have a lasting impact on the yen, but in the short term, we could see the Japanese currency rise against the dollar by a yen or so," said Mitsuo Takeuchi, a dealer at the Chemical Bank in Tokyo.

While political vicissitudes are likely to remain, a win by the pro-business LDP is likely to have a somewhat comforting effect on the currency market, said Tatsuya Ishii, foreign exchange manager at Credit Commercial de France.

"The business world likes the LDP and doesn't like the JSP," said Ishii. "This is especially true of the banking world."

Mounting expectations that the LDP will retain a majority are becoming discounted by the currency market, many traders said.

"The market got a little bit pessimistic and is now reacting to positive feelings about the LDP's prospects in the election," said Harumi Ban, a trader at the Sanwa Bank.

That means the market could get ahead of itself, push the yen moderately higher before the election, and sell it on the news of an LDP victory, some traders said.

Increased support for the LDP helped weaken the dollar to the 143-yen level last Friday. The US currency had traded as high as 146.68 yen in Tokyo earlier in the week.

Ban and others said wrangling within the LDP could weigh on the yen after the election as LDP members fight over how to replace Kaifu, among other expected factional splits.

Kaifu is widely viewed as a caretaker prime minister. He took over from Sonosuke Uno after a scandal involving an affair with a geisha helped end his term.

"I think there's going to be a lot of turmoil after the election," said Masato Nakamura, Sumitomo Bank assistant manager.

"We don't really care who's going to replace Kaifu. We care what the internal turmoil within the LDP is going to uncover (in terms of scandals) to replace Kaifu," he said.

Some others, however, believe the political chaos that has plagued Japan could fade, if not disappear, after the election.

## Eximbank to guarantee new loans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, (UPI): The US Export-Import Bank yesterday said that although Brazil is about \$750 million behind in its repayment of Eximbank loans it will nevertheless extend a \$10 million credit guarantee for that nation's private sector.

Loans to countries unable or unwilling to repay them will cause the Eximbank to declare a loss of approximately \$5 billion for its fiscal year 1989 closed Sept. 30, said an Eximbank official who asked not to be identified.

The loss will mainly be a result of a loan-loss reserve of \$4.8 billion due to the "recognition of the sub-standard quality of the bank's \$12 billion portfolio," the official said.

In the case of Brazil, the South American country's arrears in repayments of Eximbank loans amount to approximately \$750 million and as a result the bank decided last September not to make any loans to its government, the source said.

Total Eximbank loans to Brazil are about \$2 billion, with two-thirds of the amount represented by the Brazilian public sector.

"But we distinguish between the government and the private sector, and we will continue supporting the Brazilian private sector," the official said.

The source explained that about \$500 million to \$550 million of the \$750 million in arrears corresponds to loans that should have been rescheduled within the framework of two Paris Club agreements between Brazil and its creditor governments.

## Budget to claim big deficit cut

### Economic assumptions faulted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, (AP): President George Bush's \$123-billion budget, due to be unveiled tomorrow, will seek to slash the federal deficit in half in 1991, but critics faulted the budget's economic assumptions.

The budget document, Bush's first solo effort to reorder the government's spending priorities, also will contain a somewhat whimsical prayer written by Budget Director Richard G. Darman, who likens the federal budget to an "ultimate cookie monster" — a voracious gremlin on the popular US children's television programme "Sesame Street."

With a generally rosy set of assumptions about economic growth and with a host of proposed cuts in military and domestic spending programs, the administration projects that the deficit for 1991 will be reduced to \$63.1 billion, just under the \$64-billion deficit target established in a deficit reduction law.

The administration projects a deficit for the current fiscal year of \$123.8 billion, far above the Gramm-Rudman target, according to officials who have seen the budget projections and who spoke on condition that their names not be used.

The budget forecasts the deficit will be reduced in 1992 and actually will show a surplus in 1993, the year the law calls for a balanced budget. It projects further surpluses in 1994 and 1995.

Former President Ronald Reagan also submitted budget showing surpluses down the road, but the deficits never materialised because the economic assumptions upon which the revenue and spending forecasts were based proved too optimistic and Congress balked at going along with many of the programme cuts.

US budget critics believe a similar fate will befall the 1991 Bush budget, the president's first complete spending blueprint. But February, he released a 193-page set of amendments to Reagan's final budget.

Even before its release, the Bush administration's assumptions about economic growth were being called into question. The congressional budget office, projecting slower economic growth and thus lower government tax revenues, is estimating higher deficits and thus the need for sharper cuts for 1991 and following years.

Seeking to capitalize on the lowered East-West tensions, the administration is proposing a military budget with outlays totalling \$292.1 billion slightly from this year, but representing a 2 per cent cut after adjusting for inflation.

The budget, currently totalling \$286.8 billion, will rise slower than it would have under a formula of yearly increases used by Reagan.

The 1991 budget proposes reducing active duty military personnel by 38,000, cutting civilian defence department employees by 5,000 and reducing the reserves by 3,000, while protecting some of administration's per program cuts, such as the strategic defence initiative, the nuclear shield in space commonly called Star Wars.

By 1995, defence spending will be at its lowest level, measured either as a share of (the total economy) or as a portion of total federal spending, since before World War II. Defence Secretary Richard Cheney said in a Defence Department budget document obtained by the Associated Press from congressional sources.

Quoting new figures published by the State Statistical Committee, Gosplan, the agency said national income increased 2.4 per cent and labour productivity rose 2.3 per cent. But the rest of the news was bad.

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## Soviet economy fails to meet targets

### Consumer hopes dented

MOSCOW, Jan. 28, (UPI): The Soviet economy, battered by labour and ethnic strikes, failed to meet planned targets last year and disappointed consumer hopes, Tass said today in a dismal report card on Mikhail Gorbachev's economic reforms.

Tass said inflation rose to record levels, while industrial output rose by a mere 1.7 per cent — as opposed to the 3.5 per cent target.

It said gross national product, or total value of goods and services produced, increased by 3 per cent, while the target had been 4.5 per cent.

"This insignificant production growth rate is attributed largely to industry's unsatisfactory performance in the second half of the year," Tass said.

"The economic situation in the country remains complex," it said. "Tension on consumer markets rose. The dynamism of economic development declined. Many important targets of the country's socio-economic development plans for 1989 were not met."

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City of Alexandria told the Associated Press the old tolls for crude oil going through the 210-mile (336 km) double pipeline were \$1.70 to \$2.20 a ton, depending on the type of crude. This meant an average of almost \$2 a ton.

Hamza did not give the new minimum and maximum tolls. His figure of \$2.55 a ton apparently represented the average new rate.

He said the increase decision "was taken in the light of economic studies, world oil market forecasts and the economics of operating tankers."

The news agency quoted him as saying that more than 50 per cent of Arab oil from producers in the Gulf destined for Europe went through Sumed last year. In all, 36 types of Arab crude oil move through it, he said.

The pipeline runs from Ain Sukhna, 35 miles (54 km) south of Suez, across the eastern desert to a point just south of Cairo. There it turns northwest to Sidi Kreir on the Mediterranean coast 15 miles (27 km) west of Alexandria.

Hamza said Egypt's Oil Minister, Abdel-Hady Kandil, has approved a project to raise the pipeline's annual capacity from the present 80 million tons to 120 million tons.

The Egyptian government owns 50 per cent of company shares and almost all its personnel are Egyptians. Each of the governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates has 15 per cent of shares and Qatar 5 per cent.

When the line began operating in 1977, its capacity was 40 million tons annually. That was doubled shortly afterward.

Because the Suez Canal accommodates ships with drafts no deeper than 53 feet (16 m), the pipeline enables supertankers too large for a loaded Canal transit to unload at Ain Sukhna. The oil is pumped through the 42-inch (1.05 m) pipes of Sidi Kreir, where it is picked up by other tankers or by the original supertanker after transiting the Canal empty or with a reduced load.

Hamza said Sumed has turned Sidi Kreir into "a world oil trading centre for the national companies of the Gulf states. Some countries, such as Saudi Arabia, are posting oil prices as delivered at Sidi Kreir."

The Aid Sukhna and Sidi Kreir terminals have 13 storage tanks each, and an additional two under construction at each end, Sumed officials said. Each tank's capacity is about 85,000 tons.

Based on a feasibility study, Sumed's expanded capacity will be achieved by building a station halfway along the pipeline just south of Cairo to boost pumping.

Hamza said \$90 million have been appropriated for the station but did not say when construction will begin or when the expansion project will be completed.

Egypt gets 27.5 per cent of pipeline revenues in transit royalties plus 50 per cent of net profit under the shareholding agreement.

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Far East Growth Fund	25.3%
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CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 28, (AP): Officials have increased by one-fourth the cost of sending oil through an overland pipeline skirting the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean Sea and plan a 50 per cent expansion of its capacity.

Chairman Ibrahim Hamza of the Arab Petroleum Pipelines Co., which owns the facility known as Sumed, did not specify when the higher transit tolls were implemented. But he said they will last "until the end of December," implying a review afterward.

Effective Jan. 1, transit tolls for the Canal north of Sumed's eastern mouth on the Gulf of Suez increased by up to 7.3 per cent. At the same time, the Suez Canal Authority's chairman, Ezzat Adel, announced a discount scheme for supertankers that use the pipeline in conjunction with Canal transits.

The government's Middle East News Agency quoted Sumed's Hamza as saying the new pipeline toll is \$2.25 a ton.

Sumed officials in the Mediterranean



## Overseas investments in US vital: Greenspan

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (UPI): Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday foreign investments in the United States are necessary — because of low domestic savings — to help maintain America's standard of living.

Greenspan, appearing before the House Ways and Means Committee, attributed the rise in direct foreign investments to a substantial decline in the US savings rate.

"Current US savings levels are inadequate to finance the domestic investment necessary to provide rising living standards for future generations on the scale enjoyed by previous generations," Greenspan told the committee, which is examining the rise of foreign investments in the United States.

The most important step Congress could take to remedy this situation is to reduce the federal budget deficit, Greenspan said.

Between 1975 and 1988, the amount of foreign investments in the United States grew by more than 700 per cent — to exceed \$1.7 trillion — according to a study prepared by the staff of the joint committee on taxation.

Greenspan told the panel that foreign investment in the United States has grown more rapidly than US investments abroad.

"Over the past decade, the United States bought more goods and services from the rest of the world than it sold and has paid for the difference, in essence, by borrowing from and selling assets to foreigners," Greenspan said.

The recent headline-grabbing acquisitions by Japanese conglomerates of Rockefeller Centre and Columbia Pictures and the faltering Canadian acquisition of Bloomingdale's have "given rise to fears about the selling of America at bargain basement prices," he said.

These fears stem from perceived disruptions in the established patterns of doing business but are on the whole "overblown," he said.

Despite the attention foreign investments have received from Congress, such investments accounted for only 13 per cent of US assets and 11 per cent of sales in 1987, according to the most recent data available.

Greenspan told the panel that too little attention has been given to the benefits of direct foreign investments.

Trade between direct investment affiliates and their US or foreign parents accounted for 35 per cent of US merchandise exports and 40 per cent of US imports in 1987, the most recent year for which data is available, he said.

## Aluminium copper deal

ALUMINIUM copper coils are to be exported by Saudi Arabia's Al Zamil Refrigeration Industries (ARI) for use in air conditioning units assembled in Australia, ARI has announced.

The initial order for 300 coils and will be shipped from Dammam before the end of February of this year. It is expected to be the first of a widening order for an Australian purchaser.

The Australian company is seeking high quality materials for its own brand of air-conditioning units, says ARI. The coils manufactured mostly from local materials in ARI's Dammam factory were found to meet both the required specifications and competitive pricing.

The Saudi company is part of the Al Zamil Group which has reported several notable export successes in recent months. These have included plastic products exported to Japan, mirror sales to the UK and Australia, a pre-engineered steel building erected in Malaysia and air-conditioning units exported to the Far East.

# Tar-and-water fuel could cut electricity costs

LONDON, Jan 28, (Reuters): Take sticky black tar from the Orinoco river basin, mix well with water, and out comes a new fuel that could help cut the cost of generating electricity.

The result, dubbed orimulsion, is made from a semi-solid oily substance known as bitumen, drilled from vast deposits in the Orinoco tar belt in eastern Venezuela.

Tiny bitumen particles are suspended in water to create a liquid which looks and burns much like heavy fuel oil.

The method, developed jointly in the early 1980s by British Petroleum Co Plc and Intevep SA, a subsidiary of Venezuela's state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA (PDVSA), was originally seen as a way of transporting the sticky bitumen.

But scientists soon saw the liquid had potential as a fuel and analysts say it now

looks set to win a small but perhaps increasing share of the electricity generating market.

"Of all the synfuels (synthetic fuels), orimulsion seems likely to make the biggest impact in volume terms," said energy economist Geoff Pyne of stockbrokers UBS Phillips and Drew.

"It should get an increasingly large proportion of the energy market in the 1990s but will displace far more coal than oil," Pyne added.

Peter Dodd, deputy managing director of BP Bitor, the BP/PDVSA joint venture which markets orimulsion, said the main target market was older oil-fired power stations looking to shift to coal now that oil prices are rising again.

The benchmark Brent crude blend currently trades around \$20 per barrel compared with an oil price of around \$2 when oil power stations were planned in

the 1960s.

Converting an oil-fired power station to orimulsion costs far less than the huge changes needed to switch to coal, Dodd said.

"It's significant because it makes it viable to bring under utilised power plant back into production," he said. "It's a huge capital saving."

British generating firm Powergen, due to be privatised in 1991, has just signed a contract to buy an annual one million tonnes of orimulsion for its power station in northern England.

The fuel had its first big commercial tryout last year in Ince's medium-sized 500 megawatt generator.

Powergen chief executive Ed Wallis said results were encouraging but not conclusive and the contract would give Powergen a chance to assess orimulsion's long-term potential.

## The week in business

### Volatility rules the stock market

# American economy slows to a crawl

NEW YORK, Jan 28, (UPI): Overcast economic skies, with even chances of a recession — that was pretty much the forecast after a week in which volatility ruled the stock market, bonds sank steadily and the government said expansion in the last quarter was the smallest in nearly four years.

US government data showed that the nation's economic growth was just 0.5 per cent in the October-December period. That indicated a worrisome slowdown from the 3 per cent growth seen the previous quarter.

Most analysts agreed the country was not in a textbook recession in the fourth quarter — the definition of a recession being two straight quarters of negative economic growth.

"This is consistent with the soft land-

ing scenario the (Federal Reserve Board) has hoped to achieve," economist Cynthia Latta of Data Resources Inc. in Lexington, Massachusetts, said of the gross national product figures released Friday by the Commerce Department. "It also suggests we certainly are going to have a close brush with recession."

That was cold comfort to long-suffering stock and bond markets swept by one nasty down-draft after another in the week.

On Monday the Dow Jones average of industrial issues fell off 77 points, its steepest drop since it plunged 190 points Oct 13. Investors were fleeing a market depressed by poor corporate earnings and edgy about a possible upward move of interest rates from

bond market woes.

The Dow tumbled on nearly 15 points Tuesday but then fell again at Wednesday's opening, losing 60 points. It recovered most of the lost ground to close off about 11 points — but players were unnerved. Thursday the Dow was off 43.5 points, Friday began on an upward trend but only briefly before another downturn, ending the week down 1.81 points.

Underlying market nervousness was the performance of the bond market, hit hard by the poor response Tuesday to a \$5 billion auction of 40-year bonds by the Resolution Funding Corp., the government agency charged with financing the bailout of the country's savings and loan institutions.

The bond market was already in

decline, confused by the contrary indications of slowing economic growth, which normally boosts bond prices, amid inflation, which wreaks havoc with long-term bond portfolios. The disappointing auction cost dealers money, ignited a selloff and undermined confidence.

Just when the bond market was recovering Thursday it was hit by a comment from Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, who said reinstatement of a withholding tax on foreign securities investments "should be looked at." The market saw this as likely to frighten off Japanese investors.

A spokesman for Greenspan later amended the comment, but it was too late to undo the damage to the over-

sensitive market.

The weak growth in the gross national product — the country's total output of goods and services — raised fears among private economists that the record 7-year long peace time expansion was in danger of ending, especially if jittery financial markets drive interest rates higher.

In the financial community the news wasn't much better. Bank after bank has reported quarterly losses and even larger haemorrhages from the year, mainly due to massive additions to reserves and write-offs related to bad loans to the Third World and non-performing domestic real estate assets.

Property failures hammered first interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles, which had a \$344 million fourth-quar-

ter loss on troubled loans at its Texas subsidiary. Across the country, the Bank of New England borrowed Fed funds and put assets on sale to raise \$6 billion and avert federal receivership.

A federal agency assumed control of one of the country's largest savings and loan associations, Buffalo, New York-based empire of America.

The United Airlines board of directors turned from a recapitalisation plan to look at an employee-led buyout proposal, backed by the Condor partners investment group which is the biggest UAL shareholder and earlier was pressing for recapitalisation. UAL has been in flux since a \$6.7 billion, \$300-a-share employee-led buyout bid collapsed in October.

# Offshore companies bring new prosperity

## Cyprus tries to become business centre of Mideast

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan 28, (AP): History is repeating itself in Cyprus. The east Mediterranean island, which grew wealthy in the middle ages as a link between Europe and the orient, is becoming an international offshore banking and business centre.

According to lore, the merchants of Cyprus grew so rich in the 15th century that they would produce fruit bowls laden with diamonds and other gems from which important visitors could choose a gift.

Cypriot hospitality is not so lavish nowadays. But official statistics show more than 6,000 offshore companies, including 19 foreign banks and numerous financial services, are bringing new prosperity to the island.

Some 700 of those enterprises maintain offices on the island, employing more than 3,000 people among the population of 550,000 Greek Cypriots.

The Central Bank said those firms inject approximately \$95 million into the economy of the Greek sector of this war-divided

island. That represented 5 per cent of all foreign exchange receipts.

Cyprus was partitioned in 1974 when the invading Turkish army seized a northern third of the island, now the breakaway Turkish Cypriot republic.

The Greek Cypriot majority, which lost rich farmlands, tourist centres and a major port to the invasion, had little choice but to rebuild their economy.

But the island profited in 1975 when civil war broke out in Lebanon. 100 miles (160 kilometres) to the southeast. Many Beirut-based companies relocated to Cyprus, a bonanza for an island ravaged by invasion.

It started as a regional business hub. Now it is the centre for offshore companies in general trading, shipping, banking and insurance.

It's shipping registry is the fastest growing in the world. Cyprus now has nearly 2,000 ships, making it numerically the third largest fleet in the world. In

terms of tonnage, it ranks seventh a gross total of nearly 19 million tonnes.

But the island has a long way to go to rival Bahrain, financial centre of the Gulf with its 60 offshore banks.

However, banks from the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Jordan have recently established operations in Cyprus and a Japanese banking delegation also paid a visit.

Cyprus "can become the Singapore of the Middle East," declared Michael Zampelas, a partner in one of the island's biggest accountancy firms.

Tourism is the island's lifeblood. The 1.3 million visitors a year bring Cyprus estimated annual revenues of \$900 million.

Hani Yamani, son of the former Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani, has announced a \$300-million plan to build "the most luxurious hotel in the world," along with a Greek history theme park on the western coast.

Late last year, the Central

Bank launched a campaign to attract more investment and offshore business.

The new focus on establishing Cyprus as a business centre has received the full backing of George Vassiliou, a self-made millionaire business consultant, who was elected president in February 1988.

Central Bank Gov Afentis Afentis says incentives for businesses include a satellite communications network and the island's position at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa.

He also cited air and sea transport, banking and legal services, a skilled labour force, a low cost of living, minimal inflation and generous financial incentives including low corporate income tax rates.

Ralph Shipley, director of Wardley-Cyprus Ltd., an offshore branch of Hong Kong-based Wardley Bank, said his company established a regional centre on the island because of such incentives.



Talking to a waiter

George A. Cohen, the chairman of McDonald's Canada talks with one of the Soviet waiters before the opening of the first McDonald's restaurant in Soviet Union. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Economy on track

### Inflation soars

TOKYO, Jan 28, (Reuters): Japan's inflation rate soared and production growth slumped in 1989 but the country still turned in an economic performance that most of its trading partners would envy.

The government said on Friday consumer prices jumped 2.3 per cent last year after rising a meagre 0.7 per cent in 1988.

The rise was Japan's biggest since 1984 but it looked small when compared with rises in many other nations, including the United States where inflation is about 4.5 per cent.

Japan also did better than many of its trading partners in churning out products in 1989, even though industrial output grew only 5.9 per cent after surging 9.5 per cent in 1988.

Economists said the slowdown in output growth was to be expected after 1988's torrid rise, and maintained that the three-year-old economic upswing remained in place.

"The economy is still in good shape and is continuing to expand," said Soichi Enkyo, an economist at the Bank of Tokyo.

Government officials agreed and said they expected industrial output to grow by about four per cent this year.

## Revised tax reform announced

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan 28, (AP): Sweden's top wage earners will keep far more of their income as of next year in a revised tax reform announced Friday, while everyone pays more for gas, food and housing.

The reform reverses one principle of Sweden's 60-year egalitarian ideal, which in theory put a heavy burden on the rich to finance crumb-to-crumbs welfare for everyone.

But other reforms announced earlier will close tax loopholes and increase support for lower income families. The government said Friday the average household will have 5 per cent more to spend over the next two years.

"With this tax reform, the great majority of citizens in this country will be winners," said Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson.

Carlsson's social democratic government has said the point of the two-year reform was to simplify taxes and reduce tax evasion.

Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt told a news conference the top income tax bracket will be cut from 80.2 per cent to 50 per cent on annual income over 180,000 kronor (\$29,000).

## Dubai launches promotion drive

# Plans to promote tourism, trade

THE Dubai Commerce and Tourism Promotion Board yesterday unveiled a comprehensive promotion campaign aimed at raising the international profile of the emirate.

Its purpose is to reinforce Dubai's growing reputation as the commercial heartland of the Middle East and further its international standing as a high quality tourist destination.

In both aspects the board, apart from initiating its own promotional activities, will support the efforts already being made by various Dubai organisations, Emirates Airline, the Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority and Port Rashid Authority, in particular.

"Good work is already being carried out to promote both the commercial and tourism potential of Dubai, the board will assist that process and our campaign has been designed with that in mind, said the board's chairman, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saad Al Maktoum.

The campaign follows a thorough review of the major issues currently affecting commerce and tourism in Dubai. It includes the establishment of a chain of overseas representatives in London, Frankfurt, the USA, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Paris, Milan and Singapore by the end of this year.

In addition, an international network of public relations consultants will deliver the board's message to media organisations in 16 countries. Their work will be co-ordinated from Dubai via the PR and marketing consultancy, Bain Communications, which has been appointed to deal with the board's media requirements.

This year, the board will participate in eight of the world's leading trade fairs, co-operate in commercial missions abroad and support special events designed to maximise publicity for Dubai.

Promotional literature, advertising and below-the-line marketing tools will be produced to support the campaign.

The board will also play a crucial role in researching the needs of Dubai and will recommend what action and projects should be undertaken to boost its tourism and commercial infrastructure.

"Dubai's economic development in recent years has to a considerable extent, been infrastructure led. Superior facilities for trade, business and tourist activities have enabled Dubai to reinforce its position as the principal business and tourism centre of the region. To maintain this lead in the future, there is a need to ensure that Dubai continues to outdistance its rivals in the quality and scope of its infrastructure.

"Our aim is to make sure Dubai's name is known throughout the world, to sustain its reputation in the high-quality travel market and to attract valuable business and commercial concerns to our shores," added Sheikh Ahmed.

## Arab bank doubles capital

AMMAN, Jan 28, (Reuters): The Arab Bank Limited Group, one of the Arab world's biggest banks, said today it planned to double its capital with a bonus share issue.

The bank said in a statement that its directors recommended an issue of 2.2 million shares with a par value of 10 dinars, which would double capital to 44 million dinars (\$66 million). The issue would be paid for from voluntary reserves.

A bank official said the decision followed an increase in profit in 1989 for the Amman-based group's Arab Bank Limited Arbk, Jordan's largest commercial bank. He gave no figures.

"This will not change our total net equity worth or our ratios," the official told Reuters. "It just means we must pay more dividend. It's to the benefit of our shareholders."

The bank statement said the new shares would carry dividends from 1991 profits. The group has more than 70 branches, offshore units and other offices around the world.



## Roses: big bucks in Morocco

MARRAKESH, Morocco. (Reuters). The winter roses of Morocco have no scent but they make a sweet profit.

Morocco's proximity to Europe has made growing roses big business with exporters enjoying a boom that has shown no sign of a let-up in the past decade.

And the long-stemmed blooms growing in profusion in the gardens of this red-walled city are in great demand in European centres during winter.

Exports have more than tripled in five years from 300 to 1,100 tonnes, according to Ampedflowers, the association of flower producers and exporters.

Exports received a boost when the national carrier Royal Air Maroc slashed freight costs for cut flowers a year ago.

The association's president, Casablanca commercial lawyer and former newspaper editor Mohammed Berrada, said: "I thought it would be nice and romantic growing roses for a living. It still is, but it's damned hard work."

He is typical of Moroccan floriculturists who have abandoned other professions like the civil service to devote themselves to the booming cut flower business.

Among them are former citrus fruit growers who have found that growing roses pays more.

The climate of southern Morocco is ideal for winter flower cultivation, but the crops have to be protected from the hot sun by domes of plastic film, and irrigated with spray systems.

Why is it that Marrakesh roses have no scent? Berrada explained that flowers grown for export are a special hardy species with no perfume and they will last for at least a week.

"If it smells good it is no good for us because it will only last a day or two," he said.

In the last 10 years, annual production has grown phenomenally from 80 to 2,300 tonnes. Marrakesh roses account for 80 per cent of total output in the country.

Operators are reluctant to reveal profit margins, but a dozen roses can be bought in the local flower market for \$1.50. A single rose can cost much more at a Parisian florist.

They are shipped by air mainly to France, which takes 90 per cent of total exports, and also to West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Britain, Italy, Sweden, Canada and the United States.

# War and greed threaten Angkor Wat

ANGKOR WAT, Cambodia. (UPI). The fierce heat of the midday sun shimmers over the 12th century stones of Angkor Wat, but does not disturb the silence of Cambodia's greatest monument and its greatest tourist attraction.

Massive ancient towers rise above the temple like a mirage, but the real illusion is the government's hope of turning the temple into a quick money maker for its ailing economy.

Built as the funerary temple of King Suryavarman II at the height of the Khmer Empire and completed in 1150, the temple has been the symbol of Cambodia for successive royalist, republican and communist regimes.

Its five-towered profile is featured on the flags of all four factions now fighting to control the country.

Once Cambodia's single major attraction, bringing in more than 20,000 tourists a year in the 1960s, the nearly 1-square-mile (2.5-sq-km) temple is now usually empty of visitors.

"Two years ago we got a couple of hundred tourists per month," said Hao Sotha, an official of the provincial Angkor tourism company that has jealousy controls access to the monuments at Angkor and nearby Bayon.

"Now it is not so much."

"Many tours have been cancelled in the past few months because of rumours that (Khmer Rouge guerrilla leader) Pol Pot will attack."

The Khmer Rouge radio, trumpeting successes near the border with Thailand, 70 miles (110 km) away, called on its forces to capture the monuments.

Forces loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk reported they captured a district capital only 25 miles (40 km) from the ruins.

On this day there was little sign of the fighting. The market in nearby Siem Reap town was full of goods smuggled from Thailand and crowded with shoppers. There were no signs of military activity.

The only battle being fought was to see the temples.

Only three tourists had taken the 391 flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap, but when they arrived Angkor tourism officials insisted that the "guide fee" and transportation to the temples 4 miles (6.5 km) away was \$100 apiece.

When one couple tried to walk to the temple themselves, a soldier was sent to haul them back.

"It is too high a price, we know," said a tourism official in Phnom Penh, "but we cannot control the provincial authorities."

"They are the sons born before their father," he said, explaining that the provincial tourism authorities were established before the government tourism department.

Greed has also attacked the temple. Dozens of Buddha statues, placed in the temple after Cambodia was converted from Hinduism, are now headless.

A temple guide said they were stolen as successive waves of soldiers in Cambodia's seemingly endless fighting held the temple that is marked by their bullets.

But sources in Bangkok, where most

of the stolen statue heads are sold, say that artifacts from Angkor and Bayon continued to arrive long after the Vietnamese captured the area in 1979.

Bureaucratic slowness by the government installed by the Vietnamese has also hurt efforts to publicise the temples and the fact they — for the moment — are safe to visit.

A Japanese television crew making a documentary on the temples sat, waiting, at the nearby grand hotel.

"We want to take some helicopter shots of the temple but they said we needed special authorization. We have waited for it more than a week," said one crew member.

A team of Indian archaeologists and restoration experts has been working for three years to protect the aged

sandstone from the assault of sun and water.

With more than 400 Cambodian workers, the 16 Indian experts are about to start reassembling a major gallery dismantled in 1971 for restoration by a French team.

War — at that time between the US-backed government of Lon Nol and the Communist Khmer Rouge — engulfed the area when the work was only half completed.

"We have identified all of the stones and found their exact positions, but there are still a number of problems," said Indian team leader C.S. Suri.

He said the French team had rebuilt the pinnacles, or base, of the gallery on a slightly higher level than the original and had left no markings for the position of the rear pillars.

## Richmal's character delights young and old

By Deryk James

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE wanted to be known as a historical novelist but it was his creation of Sherlock Holmes the detective that made him famous.

Edward Lear sought recognition as a landscape painter, but he wrote some nonsense verses and it was these that brought him renown.

Richmal Crompton regarded her 40 or so romantic novels as her chief work. But she also happened to invent a dirty-faced, snub-nosed young scallywag called William Brown — and it is to the William books that readers, young and old, return time and again for moments of sheer delight.

Richmal Crompton Lamburn was born in Lancashire, northwest England, in 1890. She was a natural scholar, and by the age of 27 had become senior classics mistress at a girls' school at Bromley, southeast of London.

Pupils found her Greek and Latin classes refreshingly pleasurable. Her childhood hobby of writing stories had developed to the stage where she had begun getting them published, and in 1918 "The Ladies Home Magazine" printed a tale of hers that featured the eight-year-old Robert Green, a lovable rascal who bore the hallmarks of the William Brown to come.

William himself first appeared in a story in the same journal the following year, and the editor begged for more. Richmal obliged, but before long was writing that every time a William story was published the magazine should use one of her "serious" stories as well.

The William yarns gave the

magazine's circulation a healthy boost, but where did Richmal get the idea of this popular character? There were one or two fictional boys who may have been in her mind, notably Perceval Schofield, a creation of the

in the William books should look at Joan Parfitt — "small and dark and shy and eager." Even William admits to liking her.

Richmal's first non-William book, "The Innermost Room", appeared in 1923. It is a fascinat-

ing mixture of the perceptive and the naive, with its heroine's puzzled, even frightened, encounters with love and passion. The introspective theme was to recur in later writings.

Success had come. Another novel was being prepared, three William books had appeared, and there was a steady stream of other work for magazines. Richmal still loved her teaching, however, but her headmistress asked whether all this writing



American writer Booth Tarkington. Another candidate was a nephew, Thomas Disler. But most likely she had in mind her lively brother, Jack.

Certainly Richmal was not mirroring herself in Violet Elizabeth Bott, the lip-smacking, toothy, and threatening "thug" who threatened to "scream and scream" if not permitted to join William and his Outlaws — Ginger, Dick and Henry — in their fun. Readers who seek Richmal

contracted poliomyelitis, and became paralysed. Treatment eventually eased the condition but the teaching, with the difficulty of getting to school, had to stop.

The books continued, and Richmal began to resent the ney-little-rascal she had created, who by 1933 had sold more than 700,000 books, with numerous translated editions as well. Her brother Jack, by now an author himself, helped by thinking up a

few plots.

There was no stopping William; he had to continue. He was to appear in some 400 stories, mostly brought together in 38 books.

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He stays 11 years old, and John Rowe Townsend, writer and critic of children's books, has commented: "Never did a boy's 12th year hold so many birthdays, so many Christmases, so many unwilling visits to aunts." And perhaps above all "so many reluctant washings of so dirty a face."

Dirty indeed! On one occasion William wanders into a girls' school by mistake and is seized by the art mistress as a model for her class. A girl objects to his filthy state. "Never mind," responds the teacher, "I want you to draw him as he is — just an ugly, dirty little boy."

William's father is a tetchy individual but fortunately Mrs Brown is long on patience. Brother Robert is a stuck-up young man-about-town, while sister Ethel is — much to William's amazement — pursued by countless lovesick young men. The family is completed by the mongrel dog, Jumble. And, at least in the early books, there are servants to make the household run comparatively smoothly.

When World War II started, Richmal, despite her disability, volunteered to work at the telephone switchboard of the local auxiliary fire service and also at a forces canteen. At the end of the war her creation, William, began to feature on television as well as radio, the stage and the cinema.

Just before her 70th birthday, Richmal had a heart attack.

## Gareth never stops dreaming

Fighting cancer to win world's glamorous steeplechase

BRAVE Jockey Gareth Charles-Jones, a cancer victim, says he will fight back to win the Grand National.

Gareth, once one of the most promising riders "over the sticks" was devastated when doctors told him he had the killer disease. Courageously, the 28-year-old rider went against treatment — and all the time he dreamed of riding once again and winning the world's most glamorous steeplechase.

Even when things were at their blackest, Gareth remembered the days when he rode brilliantly to finish in the Grand National. And he vowed that he would beat the cancer, climb back into the saddle and ride one day into the winners' enclosure.

Speaking in a soft whisper because of a chest infection, Gareth told me: "Going to the hospital for treatment was a very bad experience for me. I would go in feeling bad, and come out after the chemotherapy feeling even worse."

"But all the time I dreamed about winning the Grand National. I've ridden it before and finished the course. But that was just a taste of it, now I want to win it. I was never about to let my illness stop me fulfilling that dream."

This won't be the first time Gareth has fought back against the odds to make a return to horse racing. His troubles started four years ago, when Gareth, then one of the most promising young jockeys on the circuit, fell while racing and suffered a head injury which put him out of action for a year.

He said: "These things always happen when you're doing well. I was having a great season, and then I fell. At those times you don't think of the bad things that can happen. As you are riding you think the horse is riding well, better than it usually does,

and so you put your heart and soul into it and that's when you fall.

"My head injury was quite severe. I very nearly died to stop bleeding altogether. But after about a year, I was given the all-clear to start riding."

But then tragedy struck again when, just over a year ago, Gareth's wife Jessica, also a jockey, fell from her horse during a race and broke her back.

Jessica, aged 24 and now in a wheelchair, was once as promising a young jockey as her husband. But the courageous redhead, who is paralysed from the waist down, has not given up hope of walking, or riding, again. She said: "I'm ever hopeful that I will get better."

"The doctors haven't been too optimistic, but then my injury is very severe and it could take some time to heal. I have been told that I will never

walk again, but you never know, in three years' time there might be some big medical breakthrough that will help me."

Although lowering riding, I refuse to get on a horse while I'm this way. Somebody asked me a few months ago to do some disabled riding, but I'd sooner not bother. Going from jump-racing to being led around on a pony is a bit demeaning."

"I honestly wouldn't want that. I'll start riding again when I'm capable of staying on a thoroughbred."

Then last summer, less than a year after Jessica's accident, Gareth was told by doctors he had a massive lymphoma, or growth, in his chest, and would have to give up racing.

Gareth told me: "So far my career has been totally up and down. I was doing well again and then, in the summer, I found I had cancer. To say the least it was inconvenient. I was

really looking forward to this season and then this happened."

Jessica added: "Gareth's illness was just typical of our luck. But you can't let things like this upset you too much or else your spirits go down and then you end up moping around. Gareth and I have kept as cheerful as we can."

Gareth, who rode in the Grand National in 1986, is not yet fully cured. He told me at his and Jessica's home in Letcombe Regis, Berkshire: "I've nearly finished my treatment. I had a 12-week course of chemotherapy which finished two months ago."

"I then had a body scan and was told by specialists that although I am doing well, there is a bit of the growth still there. So now I have to have radiotherapy. That will mean going into hospital every day for two to four weeks."

"I don't mind that too much. Obviously, I'm not overjoyed about having to spend four weeks in hospital, but I've told it isn't as bad as chemotherapy."

Wearing a flat cap to hide the hair loss that is a side effect of the cancer treatment, Gareth went on: "But it's never hopeless. I was always told my illness was treatable. The doctors will be able to get rid of it totally, and then hopefully, we'll have not more problems."

"What was really upsetting was when I went in for my last-ever course of chemotherapy. Jess and I were really pleased that it had finally come to an end, then one of the nurses noticed I had a temperature."

"It turned out I had a really serious chest infection. For anybody else it would have been easy to recover from, but the medication I had been having for the cancer not only destroys cancer cells in your body, it also kills the cells that fight infection."

## Patients should be aware of drug conflicts

BOSTON, (UPI). Patients should be alert to the dangerous possibility that drugs dispensed in emergency situations may interact with medications they are already taking.

A new study found about 10 per cent of emergency room patients were prescribed new drugs that could cause potentially adverse interactions with other drugs they were receiving.

"This shows that doctors do not do a very good job of looking for drug interactions," said Dr Mark Beers, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of California-Los Angeles who led the study.

"I would encourage people, whenever given new medications, to ask their doctors if this medication will interact with the medication they are taking."

In the study, the first of its kind, Beers and his colleagues examined the records of 424 patients who were treated at the emergency room of a hospital in the Los Angeles area.

In findings published recently in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Beers and his colleagues reported 47 per cent of patients were prescribed new medication.

The researchers also found that in 10 per cent of the cases, the new medication the patient was given could potentially cause an

adverse interaction with other medication the patients were already taking, they said.

The potential adverse interaction took many forms, including negative effects of one or both of the drugs, or increasing the effects of the drugs, perhaps in dangerous ways.

"They could cause serious problems," Beers said.

The researchers did not actually follow the patients to determine whether they experienced any of the adverse effects.

Beers noted the problem occurred even though all doctors in the study had been given a list of the drugs that the patients they

were treating were taking.

Although the study did not examine why doctors prescribed conflicting drugs, Beers speculated they did not have or take the time to check for potential conflicts.

"They are working fast. They are under a lot of pressure," Beers said. "I also think the doctors don't understand the importance."

Beers suggested hospitals provide emergency rooms with computers to check for potential drug interactions to minimise the problem. Currently doctors have to check books, which is time-consuming.

**FAMILY DOCTOR**  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

### Zenker's pouch

QUESTION: I have difficulty swallowing because of a condition in my throat diagnosed as "Zenker's pouch." I must have had it for four years or more and had a thyroidectomy years ago. I've tried to get information on this condition, but it's all unclear and vague. The doctors have suggested surgery. I have to think of it. Please give me some advice.

ANSWER: Your condition is classified as one of several outpouchings or "diverticula" that protrude through the cricopharyngeal muscle, which is located near the thyroid cartilage.

The pouch probably results from a lack of co-ordination between the muscles helping to push the food down the oesophagus, and the loosening of the cricopharyngeal muscle. This creates the pressure that causes the muscles forming the wall of the oesophagus to push outward and form the pouch.

Sometimes the pouch can fill with bits of undigested food, and may be regurgitated when you bend forward or lie down. If this occurs at night while you are sleeping, the food particles may pass down the breathing tubes and cause a pneumonia to develop.

This type of diverticulum is best diagnosed by a barium swallow, since the barium, which is easily seen on X-rays, flows into the pouch and makes it simple for the physician to diagnose. Although in many cases no treatment is required, when the problems are too much to manage, surgery can be performed to remove the pouch and restore the oesophagus to normal.

If this description is still difficult to understand, take it to your physician who can add a simple diagram that will make it all much simpler.

QUESTION: My question is in your "unusual disease" department. Is there a

disease or condition that is spoken of as vestibular malfunction? Some of the symptoms have to do with mental confusion regarding directions. Please tell me anything you can.

ANSWER: It is listed as "vestibular paralysis, bilateral" in my book, and results from an infectious process in the vestibular system, which is responsible for maintaining our equilibrium.

The vestibular system is made up of the three semi-circular canals located in the inner ear, nerves leading to the brain, and a center in the brain that controls our balance. In order for this condition to appear, this apparatus must be affected on both sides, since the other side might compensate for the loss if just one side were infected.

The symptoms are varied, from staggering and walking in a zigzag pattern to the loss of one's sense of direction. Interestingly, these patients have no sense of depth with their eyes closed, and rapidly become disoriented in the water, making swimming a dangerous activity. They also have more difficulty with their orientation after dark. A loss of hearing is often associated with this condition, which can take many unusual forms, all reflecting an inability to sense direction.

The treatment depends upon detecting and identifying the exact agent of infection. This may be done with bacterial cultures, or attempting to identify the antibodies produced by the infection. Once the infecting organism is discovered, antibiotics are used to combat the infection. In some cases this is a difficult and prolonged therapy.

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## Sidney Sheldon revisits 'The Other Side of Midnight'

HOLLYWOOD (UPI). For the first time in his best-selling life, author-film producer Sidney Sheldon has written a sequel to one of his novels.

Titled "Memories of Midnight" the new romantic thriller follows up the misadventures of most of the characters in "The Other Side of Midnight." "Sheldon's" "First best-seller," which was published 17 years ago.

"The Other Side of Midnight," which has sold some 8 million copies in hardcover and paperback, was made into a movie in 1977 and there's every reason to think the sequel will also be translated for the screen.

Sheldon, who has sold 150 million of his novels in the past two decades, said he enjoyed revisiting the characters he established in

"The Other Side of Midnight." "It was like meeting old friends again," he said. "Some of the characters were killed in the first book and I've put the remaining individuals into peril once again. It's a suspense story set in Greece."

"I've picked up the characters immediately after the end of the first book, so the setting and time period are very much the same. But the plot is altogether different and many new characters have been added."

Sheldon wrote his sequel with the original novel open beside him to check on descriptions of his characters, ages, names and places.

"I never read my books after I wrote them," he said, grinning. But this time it was necessary. Writing a sequel is something I'd never thought about doing before. This seemed like an exciting project, so I read "The Other Side of Midnight," again to make sure that it would all fall into place.

"I suffered some trepidation about doing it, but I have trepidation about every book I write."

Sheldon has very little to fret about. His publishers will print a million copies in hardcover in book stores this fall.

By contrast, the first run of "The Other Side of Midnight" was only 15,000.

Big numbers, however, don't impress Sheldon. As the producer of the TV series "I Dream of Jeannie," he was accustomed to having 20 million viewers watch his stuff every

week.

He was disappointed with the movie version of "The Other Side of Midnight" and thereafter took a hand in the films and TV mini-series that were made from his novels.

"20th Century Fox has an option on the sequel because they made the screen version of the first one," Sheldon said. "This will be either a film or a mini-series. There will be an entirely new cast. I didn't care for the first cast at all."

"I will either co-produce or be executive producer. I'm also working on a movie version of "The Sands of Time," of which I'm executive producer."

In addition to preparing his most recent books for the screen, Sheldon is researching yet another novel. He won't talk about it,

though. He frets over the possibility of seeing his idea appear as a TV movie before it can be written.

Despite the perception that Sheldon is an amazingly prolific author, he has written only 10 novels. The fact that all of them have been best-sellers heightens the illusion.

He writes a new book about every two and a half years. Inevitably they head straight to the top of the best-seller lists.

"That can be a bit frightening," he said. "It makes me strive to surpass myself with each novel. I do my best to make each one better than the last."

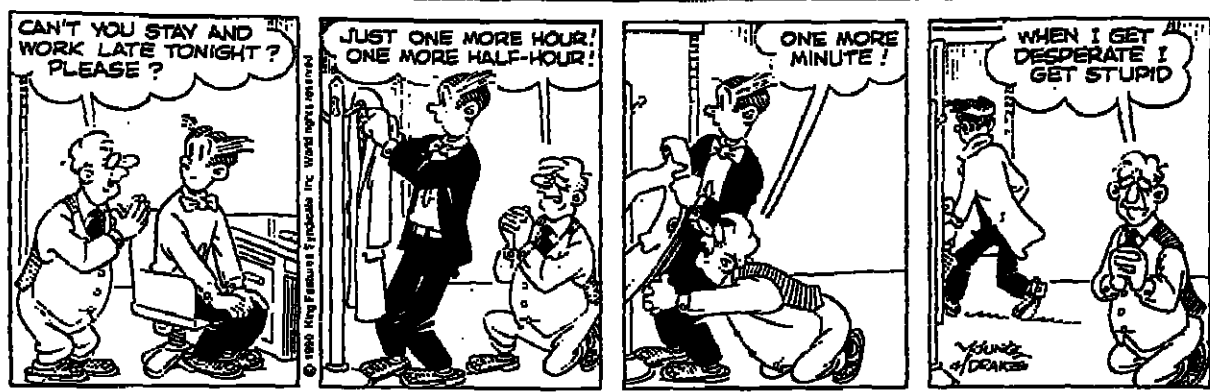
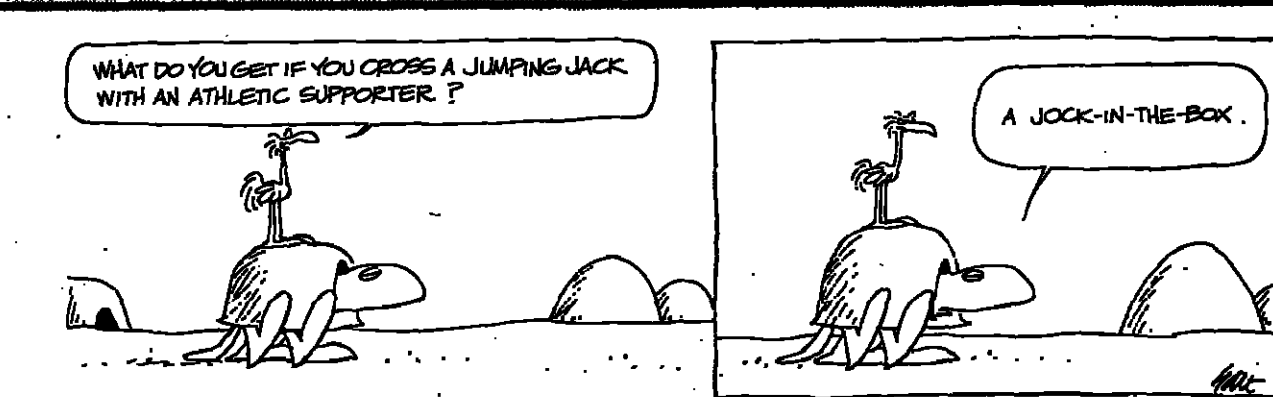
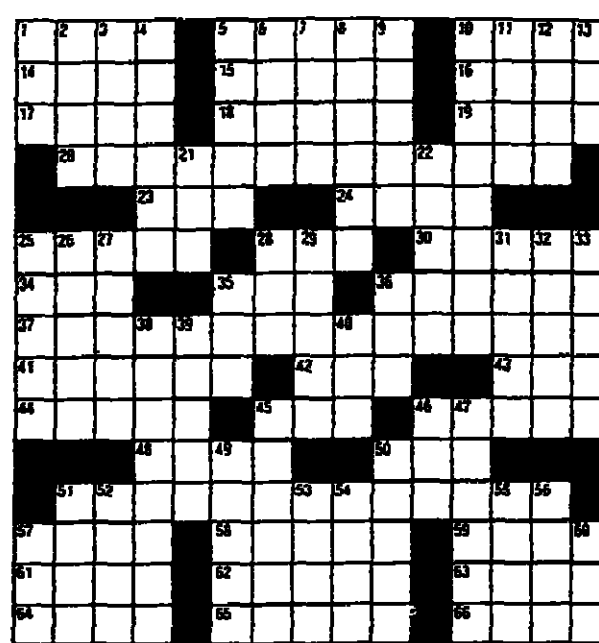
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Sheldon is credited by critics with being among the best novelists at creating female characters. He acknowledges that he enjoys the company of women and attempts to portray them as sensitively and credibly as possible.

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  - 16 Tool chest item
  - 17 Baltic native
  - 18 Israeli port
  - 19 Hart's playmate, to Shakespeare
  - 20 Controversial Supreme Court case
  - 23 Headland
  - 24 High-schooler
  - 25 Smiley
  - 26 Louis, the champ
  - 30 Played a part
  - 34 Flew
  - 35 Diamond call
  - 36 Interstice
  - 37 Fought city hall
  - 41 Ignorant
  - 42 Fraternal fellow
  - 43 Wimbledon winner
  - 44 Tommy guns?
  - 45 Extension of a sort
  - 46 Suspenders substitutes
  - 48 Meathead
  - 50 — Lizzy
  - 51 Oscar-winning film: 1978
  - 57 Saharan
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  - 62 Ransack
  - 63 Go to the top
  - 64 The night has a thousand
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  - 2 At any time
  - 3 Once part of a Sun. paper
  - 4 Hospital worker
  - 5 Smokers' remains
  - 6 Word with down or out
  - 7 Bird, to Brutus
  - 8 Disprove
  - 9 Expanse
  - 10 Makes better
  - 11 Placed
  - 12 Coal source
  - 13 Ancient
  - 21 Aging vessel
  - 22 Tire out
  - 25 Photographer Diane
  - 26 More than thin
  - 27 Ink, to Sartre
  - 28 Project
  - 29 Different
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Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?
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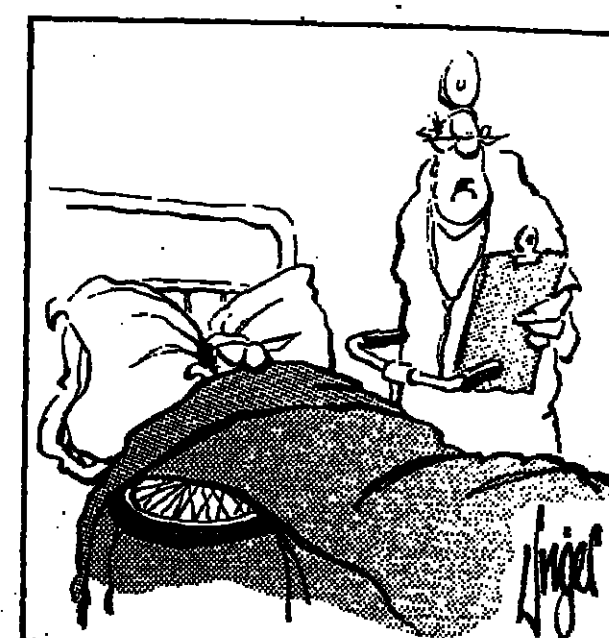
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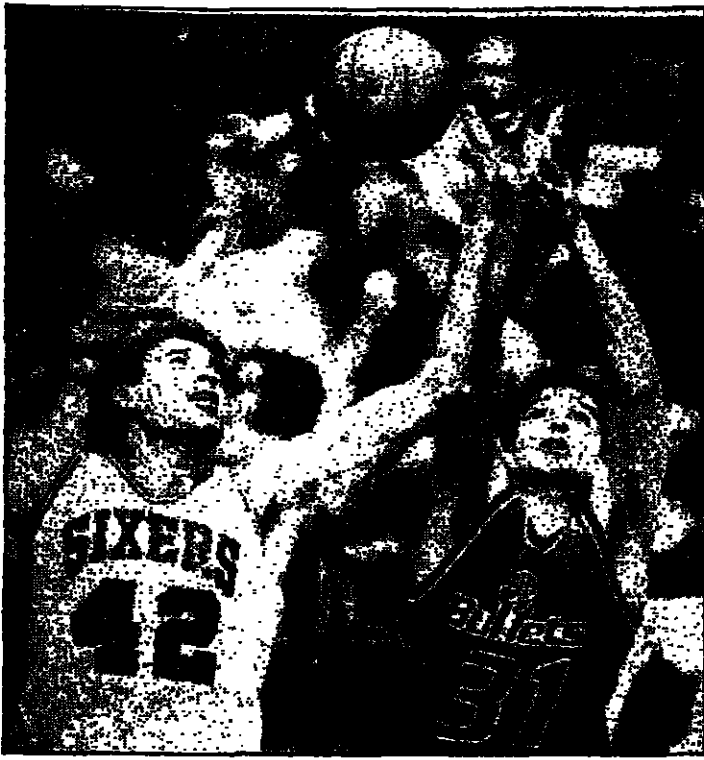
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## Pistons overcome Timberwolves

## 76ers take 8th straight game



76ers' Mike Gminski (42) takes control of rebound. (Reuters wirephoto).

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28. (AP) Charles Barkley had 29 points and 18 rebounds as the Philadelphia 76ers won their eighth straight game, 125-101 over the Washington Bullets last night.

Hersey Hawkins added 28 points for the 76ers, who won for the 10th time in 11 games. Washington, which lost its eighth in nine starts, lost for the 17th time in 18 road games.

**Pistons 85, Timberwolves 83** Joe Dumars made his first basket of the second half with 1:40 to play, snapping a tie and lifting Detroit over Minnesota.

The Expansion Timberwolves, whose 7-33 record is the NBA's worst, have lost nine straight games—the last four by a total of 12 points.

Scott Roth missed a 3-point shot with two seconds left and Pooh Richardson missed a 15-footer at the buzzer that would have tied it.

**Kings 92, Hornets 85** Wayne Tinsdale scored 28 points as Sacramento snapped a 10-game road losing streak by defeating Charlotte.

Tinsdale, who had a season-low six points on Friday at Dallas, was 12 for 20 from the field against the Hornets, who lost their fifth consecutive game at

home and 10th in 11 outings overall.

**Hawks 114, Magic 96** Dominique Wilkins scored 25 points as Atlanta continued its dominance over Orlando.

Moses Malone and Spud Webb each added 20 points for the Hawks, who are 4-0 against the Expansion Magic, by an average margin of 18 points.

The victory was only the Hawks' third in nine games, while Orlando has lost 23 of 28.

**Cavaliers 91, Pacers 84** John Williams scored 22 points, including nine in Cleveland's fourth-quarter comeback against Indiana.

A pair of 3-pointers by Reggie Miller helped the Pacers take a 68-63 lead with 9:41 left, but Cleveland outscored Indiana 14-2 in the next five minutes to go up 77-70.

The Pacers' only points during the span came on two free throws by Miller, who led all scorers with 28 points.

Two more free throws by Miller cut the Cleveland lead to 79-77 with 2:57 left, but a three-point play by Williams and a layup by Craig Ehlo gave the Cavaliers some breathing room.

**Mavericks 99, Rockets 92** Derek Harper scored 21 points and Dallas got a big boost from its bench against Houston to win

its fifth straight game.

Rolando Blackman and Roy Tarpley each scored 18 points for the Mavericks.

Akeem Olatunji led Houston with 32 points and 20 rebounds. **Bulls 110, Nets 107**

Michael Jordan scored 39 points as Chicago defeated New Jersey despite blowing a 15-point halftime lead.

The win was the Bulls' 17th in 19 home games, while the Nets' road mark slipped to 4-17. The defeat also was the sixth in its last seven games for the Nets, who got 29 points from Chris Morris and 20 from Purvis Short.

In the fourth quarter, the Nets chipped away at the Bulls lead until Jack Haley's two free throws tied the game 101-101 with 2:03 left.

A 3-point goal by Scottie Pippen 19 seconds later put Chicago ahead for good. Jordan scored six points in the final 1:18 to seal the outcome.

**Results**

Sacramento	92	Charlotte	85
Cleveland	91	Indiana	84
Atlanta	114	Orlando	96
Philadelphia	125	Washington	101
Detroit	85	Minnesota	83
Chicago	110	New Jersey	107
Dallas	99	Houston	92
New York	110	Denver	96
Utah	144	Memphis	96
Seattle	109	San Antonio	95
Portland	118	L.A. Clippers	115

## De Leon retains crown in dull draw

SHEFFIELD, England, Jan. 28. (Reuters) Puerto Rican veteran Carlos de Leon retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) cruiserweight crown when he drew with British challenger Johnny Nelson in a lacklustre 12-round bout yesterday.

De Leon, who won the title a record fourth time by stopping Briton Sammy Reason for the vacant crown in London last May, stayed champion on a split decision, with the three judges giving widely different scores.

Few punches were thrown by either boxer and Belgian referee Bob Logist showed his frustration at the lack of action when he called them together in the 11th round and ordered them to box.

"This is the poorest world title contest I've ever seen," British former world lightweight champion Jim Watt, commenting for television, said in that penultimate round.

American judge Tony Castellano awarded it to Nelson by 117 points to 111. Italy's Giuseppe Ferrari made it 116-115 for De Leon and Mexico's Ray Solis scored it a 115-115 draw.

Nelson, at 23 seven years younger than the champion, proved a slippery contender, weaving and backing away every time De Leon threatened a punch. But he failed to live up to his name as 'The Entertainer' in a contest which drew boos from the crowd.

De Leon showed the greater inclination to move forward but rarely fastened a blow on the evasive Briton, who swapped guards from orthodox to south-paw and flicked out counter-punches as he retreated.

De Leon, who first won the crown 10 years ago, came through his 15th world title fight with the second draw of a 50-bout professional career in which he has compiled 44 wins and sustained four defeats.

**Battering** In New Orleans, Lindell Holmes finally won 168-pound world title in his third try yesterday, battering Frank Tate in the final three rounds to win a 12-round majority decision for the vacant International Boxing Federation crown.

There were no knockdowns but Holmes rocked former middleweight and 1984 Olympic champion Tate in the 10th and 11th rounds at the Municipal Auditorium.

Two judges scored the bout in Holmes' favour, 116-112 and 119-112. The third judge scored it a 114-114 draw. Holmes was a 5-2 underdog.

"They say three strikes and you're out, so I had to hit a home run this time," said Holmes, a 32-year-old who has been fighting professionally 11 years.

Tate, 24, carried the first five rounds with lateral movement and overhand rights. But Holmes' early body punches slowed Tate and he was standing target from the sixth through eighth rounds. Tate rallied in the ninth round, but did nothing but run over the final three.

An overhand right in the corner hurt Tate in the 10th and a double hook snapped his head back later in the round. A left-right-left combination snapped Tate's head again in the 11th.

Holmes, who lives in Toledo, Ohio, and trains in Detroit, improved to 41-5-4. Tate, of Houston, slipped to 24-2.

Tate said he thought he won the fight.

## Twins hold Braves to 18-18 draw

Giants take Pirates to task



The Twins move on to the field. Flight: one of the Braves in action.

THE Braves were held to a 18-18 draw by the Twins in a Kuwait Little League game on Friday.

The Braves and Twins played beautiful ball, keeping their fans on the edge of their seats. The Braves steady hitting kept pace with the Twins. Ahmed Afani hit a triple while his team-mates single hits helped rack up the score.

The Twins' Shota Miyazaki hit a home run and also had a single and a double earning 6 RBIs. Saud Al Fakheel, and Ali El-Nawari hit doubles and Beshar Al Awadhi and Razi Al Awamleh hit nice triples.

The undefeated Giants and the Pirates went at it in a fine game. The Pirates three runs came as Waqar Hasab stole around the bases. Firas Afani hit a single and

Mazen Sbaiti hit a double then stole home.

The Giants' Yochi Inoue hit a triple and one double earning 3 RBIs. Jun Yoshimura hit a triple, a double and a single. Masato Watanabe hit a triple and a double and a single. Masaki Nagashima also had a triple and a double and a single. Keita Miyazaki hit a triple and Koh Tanonaka and Ryo Sasaki hit doubles.

The Giants took the game 19-3.

The Dodgers and Orioles had a nice game. The Orioles dominated the game. Hamood Al Ghanim hit a home run in the first inning earning 3 RBIs. Cory Fox hit a 2 doubles and ended up with a home run on Dodgers' fielding errors. Jihad Sakhliah had a double and 2 walks.

The Dodgers only run to score came from Haider Basravi. Haider hit a single and then stole around the bases to score. The Orioles won 14-1.

The Cardinals and Rangers went at it in fine style. The Rangers hitters were Kareem Nakshabendi with 3 singles. Josh Bauer hit a single and Ali Ahmed Awadi, Rusty Stombaugh and Nate Mooneyham.

The Cardinals have been hot this season. Talal Navarro hit a triple and two singles. Niketh Parrek hit a double, as did Paul Colbourne and Su Han. Tariq Al Abdulmuhsein hit a triple and a single. The Cardinals won 19-5.

**Results**

White Sox	9	Red Sox	12
Mariners	3	Twins	18
Giants	19	Pirates	3
Orioles	14	Dodgers	1
Cardinals	19	Rangers	5
Astros	23	Mets	2
Tigers	36	Athletics	14
Royals	18	Twins	18

**Home run hitters**

Ridha Behbahani	Astros
Bibi Al Ebrahim	Astros
Rami Hamman (2)	Tigers
Ahmed Labakh	Cubs
Bader Al Khasabari	Cubs
Shota Miyazaki	Twins
Theo Tarek Al Ghanem	Astros
Majed Jumaidi	Astros
Mohammed Lahabli (2)	Cubs
Bashar Mardini (3)	Cubs
Jamal Waked (2)	Cubs
Hamood Al Ghanim	Orioles

## Bristol bite harder with Jordan at the helm

LONDON, Jan. 28. (Reuters) As a player, Joe Jordan's toothless grin was his trademark.

But as manager, the false teeth stay in and his Bristol City team have developed real bite.

Jordan's Third Division side became the Football Association (FA) Cup's latest giant-killers yesterday when they crushed First Division visitors Chelsea 3-1 in a fourth round tie.

A tall, combative centre forward who always gave one hundred per cent on the field, Jordan said afterwards his side were the more committed.

"We played better football and with more passion than Chelsea," he said. Then he added: "I'd love Manchester United in the next round."

Jordan, who played for Scotland in three World Cups between 1974 and 1982, took over City from his former Leeds United team-mate Terry Cooper last season.

Bristol City were in the First Division in 1980 but fell to the fourth by 1983. They now look set for promotion and will continue to pose a threat in the FA Cup after showing their mettle by reaching the League Cup semifinals last season.

But the player-manager, who has not picked himself yet this season, has also set his sights on long term success for the south-west England club.

"I want for a five-year plan to develop the youth policy," Jordan said. "Things underneath are coming along. In the long run the club will benefit but whether or not it's me that reaps some of that benefit remains to be seen."

Jordan could well have moved on by the time Bristol are knocking on the door of the First Division again.

His wide experience as a player with Leeds, Manchester United,

AC Milan and Scotland has stood him in good stead during an apprenticeship as manager that augurs for a future at clubs of a far higher stature than Bristol City.

He said the decision to leave Manchester United for AC Milan was difficult and he had problems in Italy. But he did not regret the move.

"Almost anyone who has played in Italy will tell you that it improved them as a player. The standard is very high and with fewer games you have time to learn your craft."

Players such as Robbie Turner, who scored twice against Chelsea, stand to benefit. "I was a bit naive and reckless when I was younger," said the former Wimbledon striker. "Coming here has turned me completely."

Aston Villa confirmed why they are neck and neck with Liverpool at the top of the First Division with a 6-0 thrashing of Second Division Port Vale at Villa Park.

Manager Gordon Taylor enthused: "That was an excellent sustained performance and the finishing was first class."

"At half-time I was telling them we don't need six goals to win a Cup tie."

Villa went two goals up in the first half through England's David Platt and Paul Birch in his first game for three months.

Birch, deputising for the injured Tony Daley, also scored in the second half, adding two goals by substitute Stuart Gray and one by Ian Olney.

League champions Arsenal go to Queen's Park Rangers for a replay on Wednesday after their former coach Don Howe masterminded Rangers' rearguard action for a 0-0 draw.

Howe defended his tactics: "We came here to get a result.



Robbie Turner celebrates after scoring his second goal. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arsenal penned us in and we had few chances to break out but you would expect that with their record here which is fantastic."

Arsenal are unbeaten at home this season.

Glasgow Rangers opened a six-point lead in the Scottish

Premier Division with a 1-0 victory at Dunfermline. Gary Stevens scored his first goal of the season after 15 minutes.

Aberdeen lost 1-0 at St Mirren and were joined in second place by Hearts, who beat Dundee United 3-2.

## Kieft leads PSV to win over Willem

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 28. (Reuters) Dutch international Wim Kieft, having settled his differences with club coach Guus Hiddink, led PSV Eindhoven to a 2-1 win over Willem II yesterday.

Kieft, who had been dropped for a Cup tie two weeks ago, was restored to the first team after settling the conflict this week and headed the winner one minute after half-time as the champions again struggled to find their best form.

Eric Gerets shot PSV ahead in the 16th minute but Willem II equalised 13 minutes later through a goal by defender Fons Mallen.

Kieft demanded a transfer after losing his place to Danish international Flemming Povlsen for the Dutch Cup tie but was recalled to the starting line-up alongside Brazilian striker Romario.

Hiddink, experimenting with his squad ahead of European Cup quarterfinal against Bayern Munich in March, substituted Povlsen for Juael Ellerman 20 minutes from time.

But PSV continued unimpaired to the end and now lead the First Division with 28 points from 19 games, two points ahead with a game in hand over Roda JC, who dropped a point as they drew 1-1 at MVV Maastricht.

## Rangers beat Hubara

RANGERS defeated Hubara by 42 runs in a Burud Trophy Friday League Division A match, sponsored by Mohammed Saleh Burud and organised by the Gulf Cricket League, on Friday.

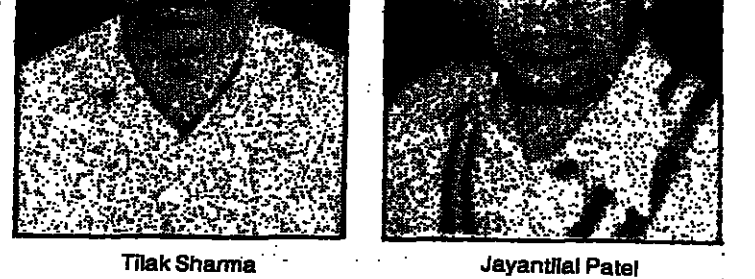
Rangers batted first and put on 181 for the loss of six wickets in the 30 allotted overs. In reply Hubara could only make 139 in 26 overs.

Jayantilal Patel was the architect of Rangers' victory with an unbeaten 86. He shared an 86-run fourth wicket stand with Ashfaq after Rangers had lost their first three wickets for only 49 runs.

Ashfaq scored 29 while Burton hit 18 and Jacob 20. Tilak Sharma took three for 14 while Fitzpatrick took three for 10.

Couldson played well for Hubara, scoring 44, but the other batsmen failed to get on top of the Rangers' bowling.

Abid took three wickets for 22 while Sajid took two for 36.



## Allegations to be probed

GENEVA, Jan. 28. (Reuters) Claims by a Swiss referee that European soccer clubs tried to bribe him with sex and fine shopping trips are to be investigated by UEFA.

Georges Sandoz, a retired FIFA referee, made the claims in a newspaper interview published on Friday.

"I have never been offered money but free shopping in the West," the Swiss newspaper Sport quoted Sandoz, 44, as saying.

"In Bulgaria, women provided by the hosts joined us before the main meal. Their function was not hard to deduce," he said.

Sandoz claimed that officials of Italian clubs Fiorentina and Napoli asked referees and line-men to help themselves to goods in department stores after closing hours. In Greece and Spain, Sandoz said he had met home club officials he found suspiciously over-generous before a match.

UEFA spokesman Rudolf Rothembuehler told Reuters yesterday: "We are treating all claims of bribery and corruption in our competitions very seriously."

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee will carry out the investigation.

Barcelona sail past Osasuna MADRID, Jan. 28. (Reuters) Barcelona won 3-0 at Osasuna yesterday to strengthen their hold on second place in the Spanish Soccer League. It was only fifth-placed Osasuna's second home defeat of the season.

Three players were booked in a clash which Barcelona took charge of in the 23rd minute when midfielder Guillermo Amor scored after goalkeeper Roberto Santanaria failed to hold Luis Lopez' powerful shot.

Amor added a second in the 68th minute before the visitors completed the rout three minutes later through Roberto Fernandez.





Linford Christie (right) races to victory. Below: Christie waves the England flag after his triumph. (Reuters wirephoto)



## GOLF

## Armour hits 14-under-par for top spot

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Jan. 28, (Reuters). Tommy Armour III moved closer to claiming his first victory on the PGA Tour when he opened up a three-stroke lead after the third round of the \$900,000 Phoenix Open golf tournament yesterday.

Armour shot a four-under-par 67 on the tournament players club course for a total of 14-under-par 199 heading into today's final 18 holes of play.

Brian Tensy, who was second last week in the Bob Hope Classic, shot a 65 to move into second place at 11-under-par 202.

Dave Barr was alone in third at 203 while defending champion Mark Calcavecchia was tied for fourth place another stroke back along with Jay Delong and Jim Thayer.

Sandy Lyle of Britain, the winner here in 1988, shot a 67 to join Clark Burroughs and Billy Ray Brown at 205.

Armour, 30, had five birdies on the day but gave a stroke back with a bogey at the final hole where he drove into a fairway bunker and was unable to reach the green in regulation.

And in Kohala Coast, Hawaii, the fact that the Senior Skins game is more about entertainment than golf was made abundantly clear yesterday when officials decided to end the day's competition between Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino two holes early.

Due to crowd control problems and the slow play of the golfers, the quartet completed only seven holes by the time network television's live broadcast was scheduled to end. When the game went off the air, it came off the course as well.

No Skins were taken over the first seven holes, making the short, par-3 eighth worth \$140,000 to anyone who can win it. The eighth and ninth holes were to be played today morning ahead of the afternoon's final nine holes.

"It's like going out on a hot date and getting kissed good-night on the forehead," Trevino said about the day's outcome. The total purse in the event is \$450,000.

# Kariuki, Clark, Jackson and Ottey finish first

## Christie runs fast 100 metres for gold

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan. 28, (AP). Linford Christie fired an early-season warning shot to rivals across the world today with a stunning 9.93 seconds, 100th of a second outside Carl Lewis' world record, to win the 100 metres at the Commonwealth Games.

The time will not be recognized officially due to a tailwind of 3.83 metres per second, almost twice above the legal limit. But the Englishman was nevertheless delighted.

"I'm really pleased," Christie said after bettering his semifinal time of 10.02 seconds that was the fastest he had run since the 1988 Seoul Olympics when he set a European record of 9.97 seconds. "I've been training really hard. The crowd here is absolutely brilliant. Everything was on my side."

Ray Stewart, world ranked No. 1 last year, failed to make the final. The Jamaican said he had only been training for three weeks following a thigh injury.

"I knew I didn't have a chance of winning the final so why push too hard," Stewart said.

Merlene Ottey of Jamaica also clocked an outstandingly fast time of 11.02 seconds to win the women's 100-metre title, but when she ran down the home straight at the Mt Smart Stadium, the wind was even stronger, registering 4.37 mps on the trackside measuring gauge.

Despite the wind assistance, the performances of Christie and Ottey stood out on a busy day of track and field in which seven other gold medals were decided.

Colin Jackson of Wales, ranked second in the world behind American Roger Kingdom, won the gold medal in the 110 metres hurdles in a European and Commonwealth record time of 13.08 seconds when the wind was inside the limit.

Darren Clark of Australia, who ran the fastest time clocked by a 17-year-old back in 1983, won his first major championship title after years of injuries and near-misses.

He clocked 44.60 seconds in the 400 metres and received a standing ovation.

The 3,000 metres steeplechase produced Kenya's first gold as Olympic champion Julius Kariuki came home to win easily from teammate Joshua Kipkemboi. Angela Chambers of Canada won the women's 3,000 metres.

Jane Flemming, who only was included in the Australian team a week before the Games, won the

heptathlon gold.

There was an emotion-filled performance in the pool, where 15-year-old sensation Hayley Lewis had a rest day in her quest for a record six women's swimming gold medals.

Veteran Australian countrywoman Lisa Curry took over the mantle, winning the 100-metre butterfly in a Commonwealth record of 1:00.66, her second title of the Games.

"I've only been training for seven months, so I'm really happy with my performance and figure I can only improve," said Curry, who is back in competition after retiring following the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and having a child.

"My fitness level is up and I'm training less but more intensively than ever before. It enables me to keep my motivation up."

Her time broke a near 5-year-old record held by Australian Janet Tibbits (1:01.02 in 1985). Curry smashed the water with her hands at the finish and looked into the crowd at her two-year-old daughter, Jaimi Lee, and husband Grant Kenny.

Curry wept openly on the podium during the medal presentations.

Curry's gold was one of three in the pool won by Australia, giving it 14 out of a possible 26, including Ian Brown's win in the 400-metre freestyle - his second gold. He finished in 3:49.91 while team-mate Glen Housman, who had a time of 3:53.90, took the silver.

Housman will be back in the pool Tuesday to attempt a world record in the 1,500 metres.

Jon Cleveland picked up the first of Canada's two swimming golds today in winning the men's 200-metre breaststroke in 2:14.86. England's Nick Gillingham, former world record-holder, finished out of the medals in fourth place.

Canada was also one-two in the women's 100-metre breaststroke with Kellie Duggan, a Seoul Olympian, taking the gold in 1:10.74, and Guylaine Cloutier the silver, her second of the Games.

Canada and Australia shared the diving medals, Anna Dacyshyn winning the 10-metre platform event for Canada and Craig Rogers the 3-metre springboard for the Australians.

Australia finished day four of competition with 76 medals, including 29 golds. Then, as expected, came the Canadians with 53 overall and 21 gold. England, India and Wales were

next.

England had a superb day in weightlifting, Duncan Dawson winning all three 90-kg golds in the morning and Andrew Saxton following up with all the honours in the 100-kg category.

Canadians Curtis Hibbert and Lori Strong continued their mastery of the gymnastics competition. Hibbert won three more gold medals to take his tally to five while Strong bagged two more titles for four overall.

Spectators reserved a huge cheer for the youngest member of the New Zealand squad, 14-year-old schoolgirl Nikki Jenkins, after she had won the gymnastics vault gold medal.

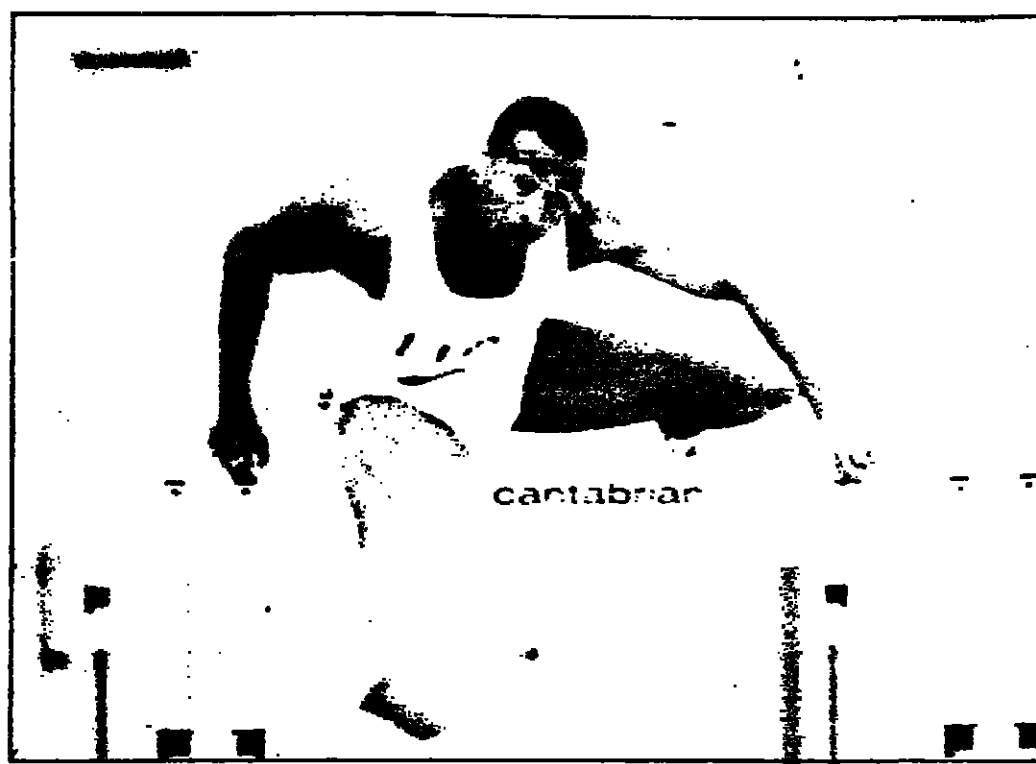
Standings

Medals table after the fourth day of Commonwealth Games competition today (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze)			
Australia	29	21	26
Canada	21	17	15
England	14	16	18
India	11	10	7
Wales	5	4	1
New Zealand	2	4	6
Nigeria	1	4	4
Scotland	1	3	3
Kenya	1	3	1
Nauru	1	2	1
Bangladesh	1	1	1
Jamaica	1	1	1
N. Ireland	1	1	1
Zimbabwe	1	1	1
Hong Kong	1	1	1
Bahamas	1	1	1
Jersey	1	1	1

Note — no bronze awarded for solo synchronized swimming. Two golds, no silver awarded for men's gymnastics horizontal bar.



Christie shows off his gold medal. (Reuters wirephoto)



Colin Jackson goes over the last hurdle to win the men's 100m hurdles. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Queensland battle to beat Sri Lanka

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, Jan. 28, (Reuters). Sri Lanka lost their one-day cricket match against Queensland by five runs today when last man Kapila Wijegunawardena was run out in a mix-up with top scorer Roshan Mahanama.

Facing Queensland's 195 for seven from 49 overs, Sri Lanka needed six runs from nine overs with one wicket left.

Wijegunawardena attempted a quick single off a deflection behind square but Mahanama turned down the run. Steve Storey gathered the ball and threw down the stumps with Wijegunawardena short of his ground.

Sri Lanka were all out for 190 in 41 overs with Mahanama, having played a sheet anchor role, unbeaten on 67. Queensland fell away after a fine start in which they reached 127 for two, opener Geoff Foley hitting 65.

Scoreboard

QUEENSLAND		
P. Cantrell lbw b A. Ranatunga	16	
G. Foley c Wijegunawardena b Ranatunga	65	
G. Ritchie run out	10	
R. Kerr c b	30	
Madurasinghe	30	
S. Storey c Guruntha b Asoka de Silva	20	
C. McDermott c Aravinda de Silva b Asoka de Silva	8	

C. Smart not out

I. Healy c Wijegunawardena b Ranatunga

B. Inwood not out

Extras (b-1 lb-13)

Total (seven wickets — 49 overs)

Fall of wickets 1-45 2-75 3-127 4-127 5-142 6-170 7-191

Did not bat M. Kasprowitz, M. Polzin

Bowling: Ramanayake 8-0-29-1, Wijegunawardena 6-0-24-0, Asoka de Silva 10-0-37-2, A. Ranatunga 5-1-12-1, Madurasinghe 10-0-33-2, Jayasuriya 10-0-46-0

SRI LANKA

A. Samarasekera c Inwood b Kasprowitz

H. Tillekeratne c Healy b McDermott

A. Guruntha c b Foley

Aravinda de Silva c Ritchie b Cantrell

A. Ranatunga b Foley

R. Mahanama not out

S. Jayasuriya c Healy b Storey

Asoka de Silva b McDermott

C. Ramanayake lbw b McDermott

R. Madurasinghe c Ritchie b Inwood

K. Wijegunawardena run out

Extras (b-4 lb-5w-1)

Total (all overs)

Fall of wickets 1-1 2-50 3-50 4-75 5-93 6-130 7-161 8-161 9-184

Bowling: McDermott 2-18-3, Polzin 7-1-45-0, Foley 7-1-39-2, Kasprowitz 6-0-29-1 (1w), Cantrell 4-2-11-1, Storey 7-1-33-1, Inwood 1-0-6-1

Result: Queensland won by five runs.

## Seward inspires Casuals

RON SEWARD inspired a comfortable Casuals victory over Flying Arrows with an all round display at Ahmed on Friday. He was involved from the start with responsibility for an early run out, the first of three dismissals, before taking over with the ball and claiming four wickets.

Arrows' innings had started unsteadily as Richard Snowden continued his run of rampant form and the capable Andrew Pinho gave the openers several scares before bowling Verold (18).

Seward then tore out the middle order by removing Derek (15), Ashok (10) and Albert (2). When Monoj (24) was caught by Short, the only batsman who had shown aggression was gone and it seemed Arrows would barely make 100.

However Francis with a spirited 24 helped push them to a modest 144 all out when the gleeful Kazim Hussain trapped Vijay for 2.

In reply, Seward and John Aron-Powell made the batting look easy and made a start 54 before JAF decided to practice his cut shot once more and was caught for 23.

With Andrew Pinho coming in at three for casuals the fall of an opening wicket is not great joy and he soon began building up his eventual score of 38. It was Vijay who beat Seward's guard after the opener had made 46 and the same bowler who had Pinho lbw.

The joy was short lived however as a welcome return to form for Simon Clements (24) saw Casuals to the brink of victory. Richard Snowden (3) did his best to finish the game in one stroke but it was left to Dave Short to glide the ball for the winning run.

R. Mawhinney c Ramani b Hirani	68
S. Robinson not out	18
Extras (b-3, lb-12, nb-10)	25
Total (for five wickets dec'd.)	426
Did not bat: P. Hills, J. Lindsay, V. Johnson, D. Hunter	
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-59, 3-64, 4-208, 5-374	
Bowling: Wassan 28-8-105-1 (8nb), Kapil Dev 11-2-30-0 (1nb), Tendulkar 5-0-13-0 (1nb), Hirani 37-10-97-4, Raju 34-8-76-0, Venkataramana 18-2-1-71-0, Sharma 3-0-19-0	

INDIA first innings	
V. Chandrasekhar b Hunter	3
W. Ramen c Robinson b Hunter	123
C. Singh not out	115
M. Azharuddin c sub b Londsay	17
S. Tendulkar not out	4
Extras (nb-12)	12
Total (for three wickets)	274
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-223, 3-269	
Did not bat: A. Sharma, Kapil Dev, V. Raju, M. Venkataramana, A. Wassan, N. Hirani	
Bowling: Hills 14-1-68-0 (4nb), Hunter 15-1-66-2 (4nb), Johnson 21-3-73-0 (3nb), Mawhinney 7-2-8-0 (1nb), Lindsay 15-1-59-1	

## Practice session

Graham Gooch (centre) and Mickey Stewart (right), captain and manager respectively of the England cricket team, inspect the place the ball bounced before hitting batsman Fraser during a practice session on Saturday at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tauseef puts Victoria in a spin

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 28, (Reuters). Off-spinner Tauseef Ahmed produced his best performance of five for 42 against Victoria today as Pakistan's cricketers battled for their first victory since arriving in Australia a month ago.

A total of 16 wickets fell for 252 runs on the third day of the four-day match, with Pakistan on 23 for two at the close in pursuit of a victory target of 254.

Tauseef, leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who took two for 17, and pace bowler Aaqib Javed, with two for 53, led a fightback after Pakistan were all out for 233 to trail by 80 on first innings.

The trio helped to dismiss Victoria for 173 in their second innings but Pakistan's victory hopes were dented when openers Aamir Malik and Shoaib Mohammad both went cheaply before the end of the day.

When Pakistan resumed at 177 for six in the morning, Damien Fleming took three of the remaining wickets to end with three for 63, while fellow paceman Tony Dodemaide took the other and finished with three

for 48.

Victoria's second innings was anchored by opener Garry Watts, who followed his first-day century by making 70 in 150 minutes, hitting eight boundaries.

The next best score was Jamie Siddons's 22 not out.

Victoria reached 110 for two but Tauseef, Aaqib and Mushtaq caused a collapse in which the last eight wickets crashed for 63 in 17 overs.

Tauseef had Watts caught by Ejaz Ahmed at silly point and added the wickets of Wayne Phillips, Simon O'Donnell, Dodemaide and Peter McIntyre.

Mushtaq, who prompted a Pakistan walk-off in the first innings when he was ruled out of the attack for running on the pitch in his follow through, was again warned for the offence by umpire Robin Bellache during the third of his five overs.

Tauseef, having given Pakistan a scent of victory with his bowling, had to come in as a nightwatchman after the openers again failed to see off the new ball.

Shoaib made seven and was then trapped lbw by Fleming while Aamir had scored eight when he edged a catch to short leg off Paul Reiffel.

Scoreboard

VICTORIA first innings 313 (G. Watts 102, S. O'Donnell 88)

PAKISTAN first innings (overnight 177 for 2)

Rameez Raja c Dinatinn b Reiffel

Shoaib Mohammad c Siddons b Reiffel

Aamir Malik c Fleming b Reiffel

Saeed Anwar c Dinatinn b Dodemaide

Salim Yousuf c Siddons b Reiffel

Reiffel

Extras (lb-6 nb-7)

Total

Fall of wickets: 1-52 2-36 3-108 4-111 5-114 6-144 7-184 8-224 9-224

Bowling: Reiffel 20-5-62-4 (7nb), Fleming 17-4-63-3, O'Donnell 6-0-23-0, McIntyre 12-4-31-0, Dodemaide 19-6-48-3

VICTORIA second innings

G. Watts c Ejaz b Tauseef

S. Prescott b Waqar

W. Phillips b Tauseef

J. Siddons not out

W. Ayres lbw b Aaqib

M. Dinatinn c Yousuf b Aaqib

S. O'Donnell lbw b Tauseef

T. Dodemaide c Mushtaq b Tauseef

P. Reiffel c Aamir b Mushtaq

D. Fleming c Ejaz b Mushtaq

P. McIntyre c Anwar b Tauseef

Extras (b-3 lb-10 nb-3)

Total

Fall of wickets: 1-21 2-67 3-110 4-115 5-119 6-134 7-142 8-149 9-167

Bowling: Waqar Younis 8-0-27-1, Aaqib Javed 14-3-53-2 (3nb), Nadeem Ghauri 10-4-21-0, Tauseef Ahmed 18-5-42-5, Mushtaq Ahmed 5-2-17-2

PAKISTAN second innings

Aamir Malik c sub (Frazier) b Reiffel

Shoaib Mohammad lbw b Fleming

Tauseef Ahmed not out

Rameez Raja not out

Extras (lb-1)

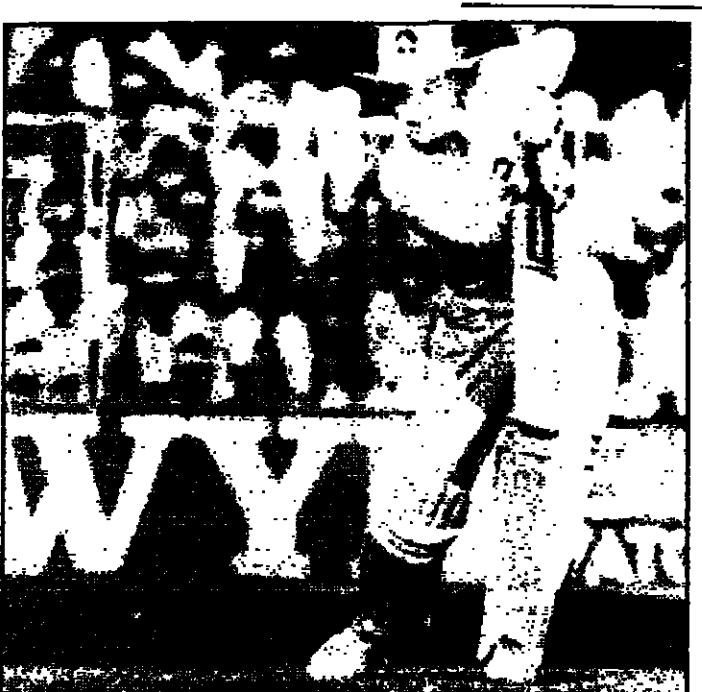
Total (two wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-16

Bowling (to date): Reiffel 4-0-17-1, Fleming 3-2-5-1

## Rutherford celebrates Test recall with 226

Raman and Gursharan hit centuries



Rutherford: hit an unbeaten double ton

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Jan. 28, (Reuters). Otago batsman Ken Rutherford celebrated his recall to New Zealand's Test cricket squad by completing a double century against India, who responded with hundreds from Wookeri Raman and Gursharan Singh today.

Rutherford increased his overnight 173 to an unbeaten 226 before Otago declared their first innings at 426 for five on the second day of the four-day match.

The Indians also made the most of ideal batting conditions, Raman hitting 123 and Gursharan scoring 115 not out in a second wicket partnership of 206 as the touring side reached 274 for three at the close.

Rutherford, named in New Zealand's 13 for the first Test against India starting in Christchurch on Friday, batted altogether for 372 minutes, faced 317 balls and struck 32 boundaries.

His score was the highest by an Otago batsman since Bert Sutcliffe amassed 264 against Central Districts 30 years ago, and was the sixth highest individual innings in Otago's cricket history.

Rutherford's double century was his third three-figure innings of the season, his 12th for Otago and his 18th in all first-class matches.

He expressed no disappointment at the declaration which denied him the chance of beating his highest first-class score of 317 made during New Zealand's 1986 tour of England.

"We really had to declare to try to make a game of it."

Scoreboard

OTAGO first innings (overnight 333 for four)	
P. Dobbs c Venkataramana b Wassan	11
B. Harris lbw Hirani	23
K. Burns c Chandrasekhar b Hirani	12
K. Rutherford not out	226
B. Blair c Raju b Hirani	43

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-223, 3-269

Did not bat: A. Sharma, Kapil Dev, V. Raju, M. Venkataramana, A. Wassan, N. Hirani

Bowling: Hills 14-1-68-0 (4nb), Hunter 15-



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## National teams

KUWAIT, Jan 28 (Kuna): The Kuwait National Olympic Committee has decided to place life insurance on players of all national teams taking part in official competitions abroad, it was disclosed here today. The insurance will cover the period from selection of members of the team until their return from the mission abroad, it was explained.

## Italian soccer

ROME, Jan 28 (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches today:

Bologna	1	Cesena	0
Cremone	1	Atalanta	1
Fiorantina	0	Napoli	1
Juventus	1	Inter	0
Lecco	0	Lazio	0
Milan	1	Genoa	0
Roma	3	Bari	0
Sampdoria	3	Udinese	0
Verona	0	Ascoli	0

## SAS bridge

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

1st M. Maynards & S. Cattermole  
2nd R. Abbassi & N. Agrab  
3rd D. Materny & B. Mousalli

## Rebel tour

LONDON, Jan 28 (Reuters): Britain's opposition Labour Party appealed to cricketer Mike Gatting today to call off his team's rebel tour of South Africa because of the danger of increasingly violent demonstrations.

## W. Australia lose

SYDNEY, Jan 28 (Reuters): Western Australia, Sheffield Shield cricket champions for the last three seasons, continued their wretched 1989-90 form when they crashed to an innings defeat against South Australia today. The West Australians, who followed on 330 behind after being routed for 41, were all out for 286 in their second innings on the third day of the four-day match in Adelaide.

## New contract

LONDON, Jan 28 (Reuters): Britain's Martin Brundle has signed a new contract with Jaguar and will race in the world sportscar championship this season, Jaguar said today.

## Vines Classic

PERTH, Australia, Jan 28 (Reuters): American Jeff Maggert battled gate force winds, torrential rain and a challenge from Australian Brett Ogilvie to record his most significant golf win in the Vines Classic today.

## Melbourne bid

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 28 (Reuters): International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch today described Melbourne's bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games as one of the best he had ever seen.

## Top horse

ARCADIA, California, Jan 28 (AP): Sunday Silence, winner of the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Breeders' Cup Classic, was named 1989 Horse of the Year yesterday.

## Argentine striker

FLORENCE, Italy, Jan 28 (Reuters): Fiorentina's Argentine striker Oscar Dertycia is likely to miss the World Cup soccer finals after undergoing surgery on a damaged knee ligament.

## Governing board

EAST BERLIN, Jan 28 (Reuters): The East German Sports Federation (DTSB) expelled former presidents Manfred Ewald and Klaus Eichler from its governing board yesterday to align it more closely with the country's new reform spirit.

## Rebels triumph

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Jan 28 (Reuters): Spinners David Graveney and John Embury carried England's rebel cricketers to victory in the opening match of their controversial South African tour today.

## Edberg retires through injury

## Lendl wins Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 28 (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl retained his Australian Open men's singles title today when Stefan Edberg of Sweden was forced to retire through injury in the third set of the final.

With the score 4-6 7-6 5-2, Edberg indicated he could no longer continue after straining stomach muscles early in the match.

It was the second successive year that the 24-year-old Swede has been forced out of the tournament by injury, a rickety back ruling him out at the quarter-final stage in 1989.

It was the eighth Grand Slam title of Lendl's career but he admitted to mixed feelings as he received the trophy and a cheque for \$200,000.

"It's not the greatest feeling to win in this way," said Lendl, the tournament's top seed. "I hope Stefan recovers quickly."

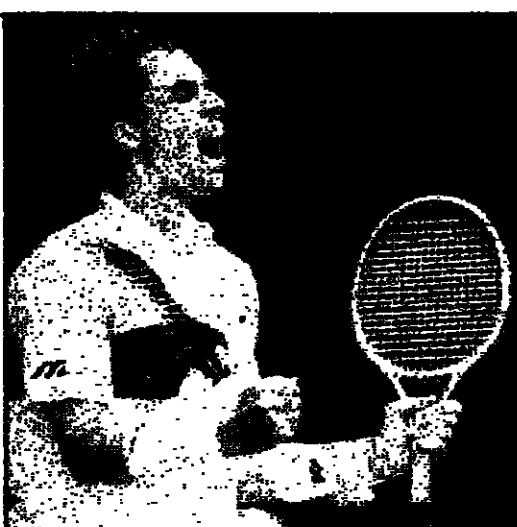
It is the first time since 1911 that a player has been forced to retire in a Grand Slam final.

The unlucky Edberg said later he had damaged a stomach muscle in his semifinal against Mats Wilander on Friday but had not thought any more about it until he started warming up on centre court before the final.

"I went out on the court and warmed up and then I felt it right from the beginning of the first set," said Edberg.

"It just started getting worse and worse and it would have done me no good to carry on. I played well in the first set and maybe if I had won the second I'd have been able to block my way through the third."

"I could only serve at 75 per cent right from the beginning and



Lendl (left) reacts after breaking Edberg's serve. Right: Lendl shakes Edberg's hand after his victory. (Reuters wirephoto)



after I lost the second set I thought 'this is not going to last much longer'."

Edberg also revealed he had suffered the same injury three times in the past, most recently in Tokyo in 1988.

"I've had the problem before. I know my limits with my body," said Edberg. "Playing against someone ranked 50 in the world I might have been able to get through but you can't get away with it against Ivan."

Tournament doctor David Bolzonello, who treated Edberg when he suffered his back injury in the closing stages of his fourth round match with Pat Cash last year, confirmed the world number three had pulled a lower abdominal muscle on his left side. He said Edberg was likely to be out of action for at least two weeks.

It was the latest in a series of mishaps to afflict Edberg in the past year. He lost in the final of two Grand Slam tournaments last year — to Michael Chang in the French Open and to Boris Becker at Wimbledon — and had hoped his luck was about to change at the first Grand Slam event of the new decade.

"It's really unlucky," he admitted. "Everything had been going perfect and if I'd kept it up today, I thought I would have had a very, very good chance of winning. I'll be back here next year to give it another shot."

Lendl, who will be 30 in March, said he had noticed something wrong with his opponent early in the match. "He was just not hitting his serves hard enough," said Lendl.

almost immediately back on the defensive as Lendl raced to a 3-0 lead.

Edberg, still battling bravely against his injury, fought back to 3-3, three long rallies in the sixth game bringing the crowd to their feet.

The Swede kept the momentum going to go 6-5 up and found himself serving for the second set. But it was Lendl's turn to claim ascendancy as he clawed back to 6-6 and then took the tie-break 7-3 with the help of one glorious crosscourt forehand and an Edberg double fault.

From that moment, Edberg's fortunes dipped steadily as he was forced to merely pat back two overhead volleys which he would normally have dispatched comfortably.

After being broken for the second time in the third set to go 5-2 down, the end came. Edberg walked slowly over to his chair for the changeover and informed umpire Bruno Benezet he was unable to carry on.

The outcome has not changed Lendl's decision to miss the French Open and concentrate on winning Wimbledon, the one Grand Slam title that has so far eluded him.

"I don't worry about record books or my place in the game. I just want to win it (Wimbledon)," said Lendl.

Earlier in the day, fellow Czechoslovak Jana Novotna and Helena Sukova won the women's doubles title, beating American pair Patty Fendick and Mary Joe Fernandez 7-6 7-6.

It was Novotna and Sukova's 10th tournament title and their second Grand Slam success following their victory at Wimbledon last year.



Lendl shows off his trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)



Edberg (right) has medicine applied to his stomach by ATP Tour trainer Todd Snyder during his match. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Spain clinch men's hockey crown

BENALMADENA, Spain, Jan 28 (Reuters): Spain drew 3-3 with the Netherlands in the final match of the four-nation men's hockey event between World Cup qualifiers to gain a rare tournament success today.

The Spaniards finished with four points from their three games and piped England for first place on superior goal difference. England drew with Spain yesterday.

England, the 1986 World Cup silver medalists, missed their chance of victory in the early morning game when they were surprisingly held to a 2-2 draw by France, who gained their first point.

France were within two minutes of beating England for only the second time when Sean Kerly, one of the top scorers at the Seoul Olympics, lobbed the French goalkeeper to snatch the late equaliser.

England had earlier taken the lead after less than two minutes through Britain's Olympic right-winger Stephen Batchelor. France equalised within three minutes with an open-play goal by 19-year-old Guillaume Clement and went ahead on the half-hour with another field goal, by Christian Viala.

Spain seemed to be coasting to a rare victory over the Netherlands in the final match.

They led 3-1 at the interval but the Dutch, who fielded a B-team here, came back in the second half to draw.

All three Dutch goals were scored by Jan-Hidde Kruize, who is not going to the World Cup starting in Lahore, Pakistan, on February 12.

Spain took the lead through Pedro Jufresa and Ignacio Escude converted two more penalty corners. Escude failed to convert a penalty stroke in the first half, which was well saved by Dutch keeper Simon Zijp, but the Spaniard finished as the tournament's top scorer with five goals.

## Liverpool, Norwich match drawn

LONDON, Jan 28 (UPI): Liverpool and Norwich played out a tight scoreless draw and will have to replay at Anfield today to decide which side goes on to meet Southampton in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

Both sides spurned good chances to win the game, with Norwich winger Dale Gordon's miss two minutes from time probably the best scoring opportunity on offer.

Liverpool also had chances to win the match, and much of its good work was set up by England forward Peter Beardsley, whose dribbling was a delight to watch on the difficult surface at Norwich.

Clayton Blackmore spared Manchester United considerable embarrassment today, scoring the only goal of a fourth round FA Cup tie six minutes from time against lowly Hereford.

Blackmore was only in the starting lineup because of an injury to Michael Phelan.

**Results**  
English FA Cup fourth round:  
Norwich 0 Liverpool 0  
(Replay on Wednesday at Liverpool)  
English Division Three  
Bristol Rovers 1 Bolton 1  
English FA Cup fourth round:  
Hereford 0 Man. United 1  
Shef. Wednesday 1 Everton 2

## Indian weightlifter tests positive

AUCKLAND, Jan 28 (Reuters): Indian weightlifting medalist Subrata Kumar Paul has tested positive for drugs at the Commonwealth Games, the Press Trust of India news agency reported today.

The report, attributed to senior sources in the Indian contingent at the Games, said Paul, who won two silver medals and a bronze in the lightweight (67.5 kg) category on Friday, had returned a positive result in a routine games analysis of urine samples, according to preliminary findings.

Professor Manfred Donike, the world's foremost expert on doping in sport who is supervising the Games tests at an Australian government laboratory in Sydney, said by telephone he could not comment on the report.

He said any announcement would have to come from Dr Howard Jones, the Games official responsible for anti-doping measures in Auckland.

Jones said a statement would be issued in the athletes' village on Monday. The telephone at the Indian team quarters in the village was engaged throughout this evening.

Paul, 26, from Calcutta, took silver medals in the jerk and total lift categories and a bronze in the snatch. He won a gold medal at the 1988 Commonwealth weightlifting championships in Malta.

The report gave no indication which category of drugs he was alleged to have used. If it is confirmed, Paul would be disqualified from the Games and forfeit his Auckland medals.

The report followed an unprecedented success by India's weightlifters who have won a total of 27 medals at the Games, including 11 golds.

## Teague recalled

LONDON, Jan 28 (Reuters): England have recalled Mike Teague to the back row for their crucial Five Nations Rugby Union clash with France in Paris on Saturday and dropped number eight David Egerton to make way for him.

The switch of loose forwards, announced today, is the only change from the side that beat Ireland 23-0 a week ago.

Teague, who began his international career in 1985, wins his ninth cap. He played as blindside flanker in last season's championship.

## Mota triumphs in Osaka marathon

## McRae, Myricks dominate meet

TOKYO, Jan 28 (Agencies): Olympic champion Rosa Mota of Portugal surged to the front from the start to win the Osaka women's marathon in two hours 27 minutes 47 seconds today despite suffering stomach pains early on.

Mota, 31, who withdrew midway through last year's race with calf muscle cramp, pulled away from the other leading contenders at once and stretched her lead in ideal cool conditions for her 11th career victory in 16 marathons.

"A stomach ache bothered me immediately after the race started. But I still had enough stamina left to speed up any time someone came close to me," Mota said afterwards.

Japan's Katsuyo Hyodo, 22, improved her personal best by six minutes and 30 seconds to finish second in 2:29:36.

Valentina Egorova of the Soviet Union came in third in 2:29:47. Japan's little known Mitsuyo Yoshida, 23, who had never covered the 42.195-km event in under three hours, placed fourth in 2:30:25 in her fourth marathon race.

■ And in Levin, France, sprinter Lee McRae and long jumper Larry Myricks of the United States dominated week fields at an indoor track meet yesterday.



McRae and Mota (right) cross the finish line in their races. (Reuters wirephoto)



"I knew that was a great track," McRae said after flying through the 60 metres in 6.55 seconds, fast enough to beat

Francesco Pavoni of Italy and Jean-Charles Trouabal of France but off pace of his world-record mark of 6.50.

Myricks, a former 200-metres specialist, leaped 8.45 metres to easily defeat Dutch competitor Emiel Meelaard with 8.05 and Franz Maas with 7.95 in the meet sponsored by the International Amateur Athletics Federation.

Soviet pole-vaulter Rodion Gataulin, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist, missed his opening vault of 5.70 metres (18.7 feet) and knocked the bar over two more times to score a zero for the meet.

Gataulin had hoped to clear at least 5.80 metres (19 feet), which he managed recently in Tashkent, to put him within striking distance of his countryman and rival Sergei Bubka.

Bubka, the 1988 gold medalist, has already cleared 5.90 metres (19.3 feet) this season.

Yesterday's vaulting event went to Ferenc Salbert of France, who managed to clear 5.70 metres after an opening vault of 5.60 (18.3 feet). Philippe d'Encausse and Philippe Collet, both of France, captured second and third place.

In other competition, Jack Pierce of the United States won the 60-metre hurdles in 7.57 seconds, edging out Philippe Tourret of France in second place and Florian Swarhoff of West Germany in third.



## World champion

World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson signs his autograph on the T-shirt of one of the handicapped players during his visit to a sports complex for the disabled in Tokyo yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Monday League standings

Men's League						Ladies League					
	P	W	D	L	G/Pts		P	W	D	L	G/Pts
Monroe's	13	9	3	1	54/24	Marylans	11	7	4	0	32/12
Beags	13	9	3	1	54/24	Fatherlights	7	6	1	0	22/6
Campan	13	7	4	2	32/18	Apparals	12	4	4	26/22	
Cottar H	12	6	2	4	39/33	Nightlights	10	5	2	3/22	
Tyne Tees	12	4	5	3	41/31	Tyne Tees	10	5	1	4/22	
Edikes	13	3	3	5	40/38	Cottar House	10	4	3	3/21	
Ragnumfins	12	3	4	5	34/30	Starters of Y	12	2	4	6/20	
Brakins	10	2	3	5	24/36	T.C.F.	12	2	3	7/18	
T.C.F.	13	2	3	8	28/50	Ragbags	10	0	10	2/38	
Stars of Y	13	0	0	13	12/66						

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